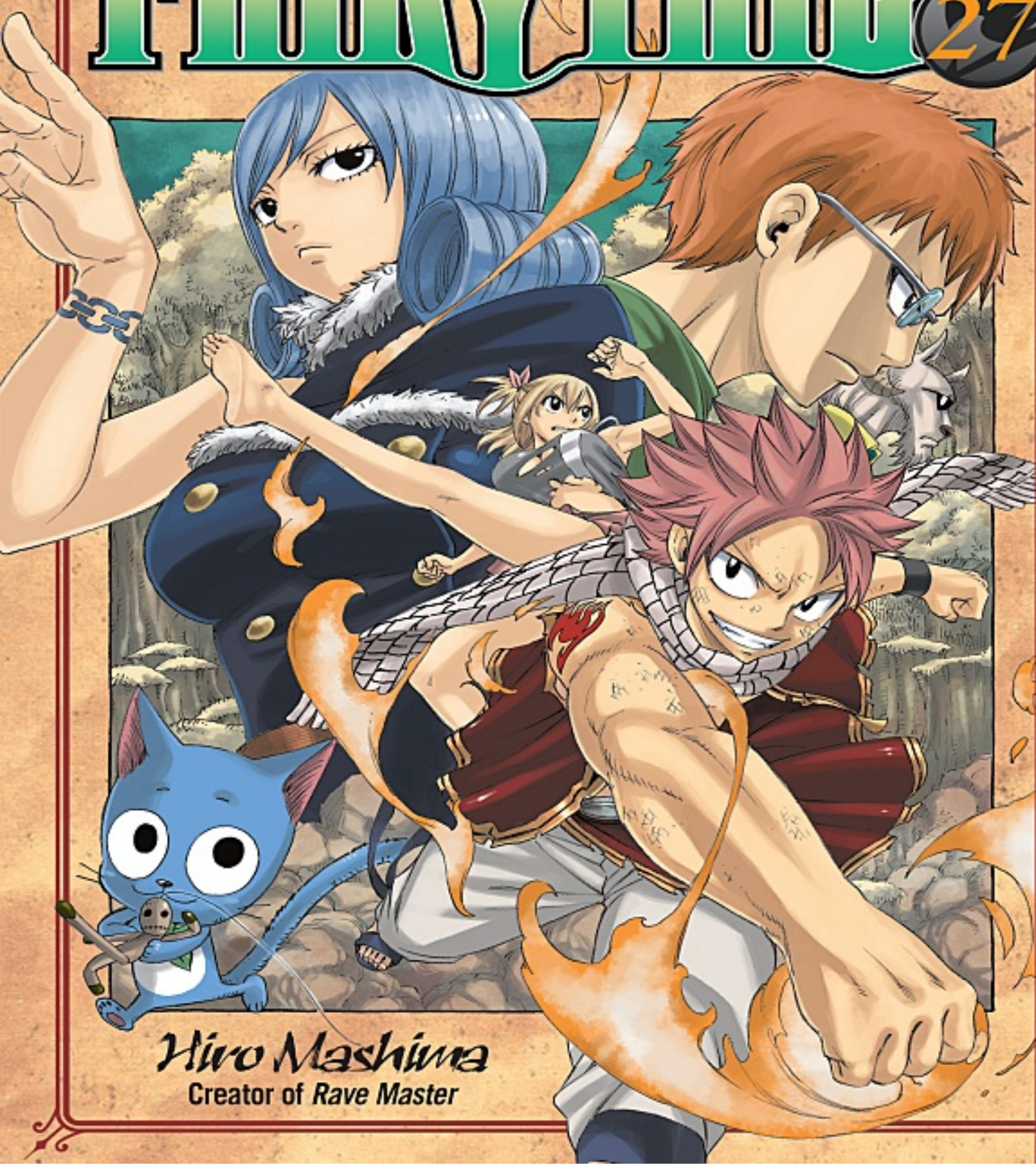


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Hiro Mashima
Creator of *Rave Master*

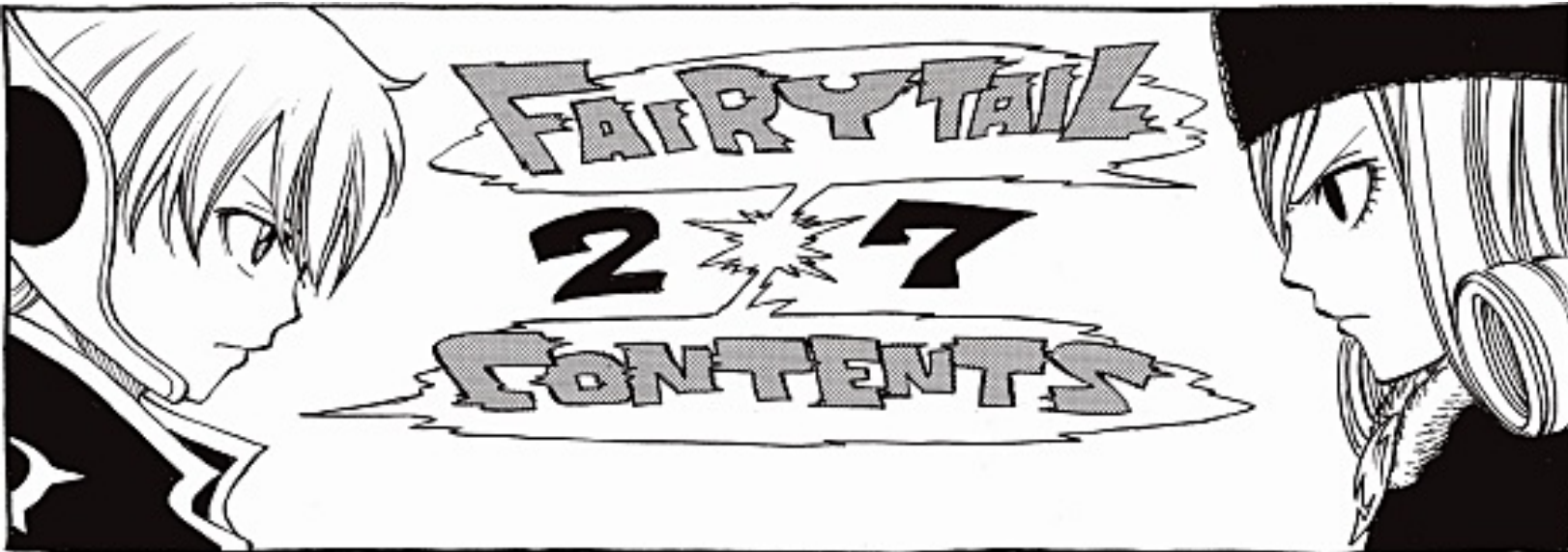
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HIRO MASHIMA

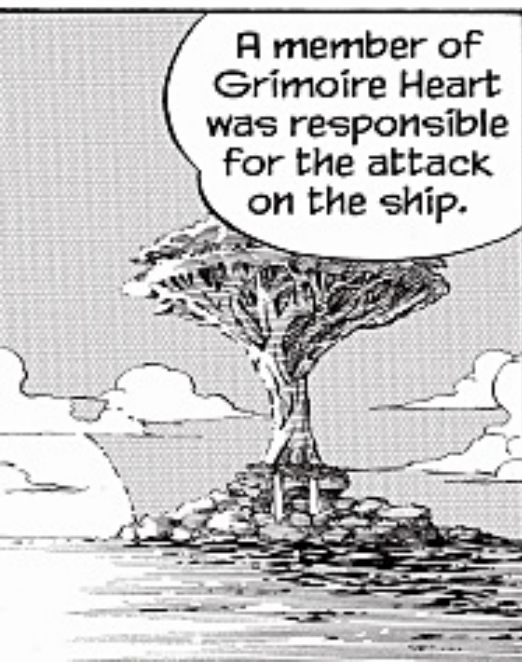
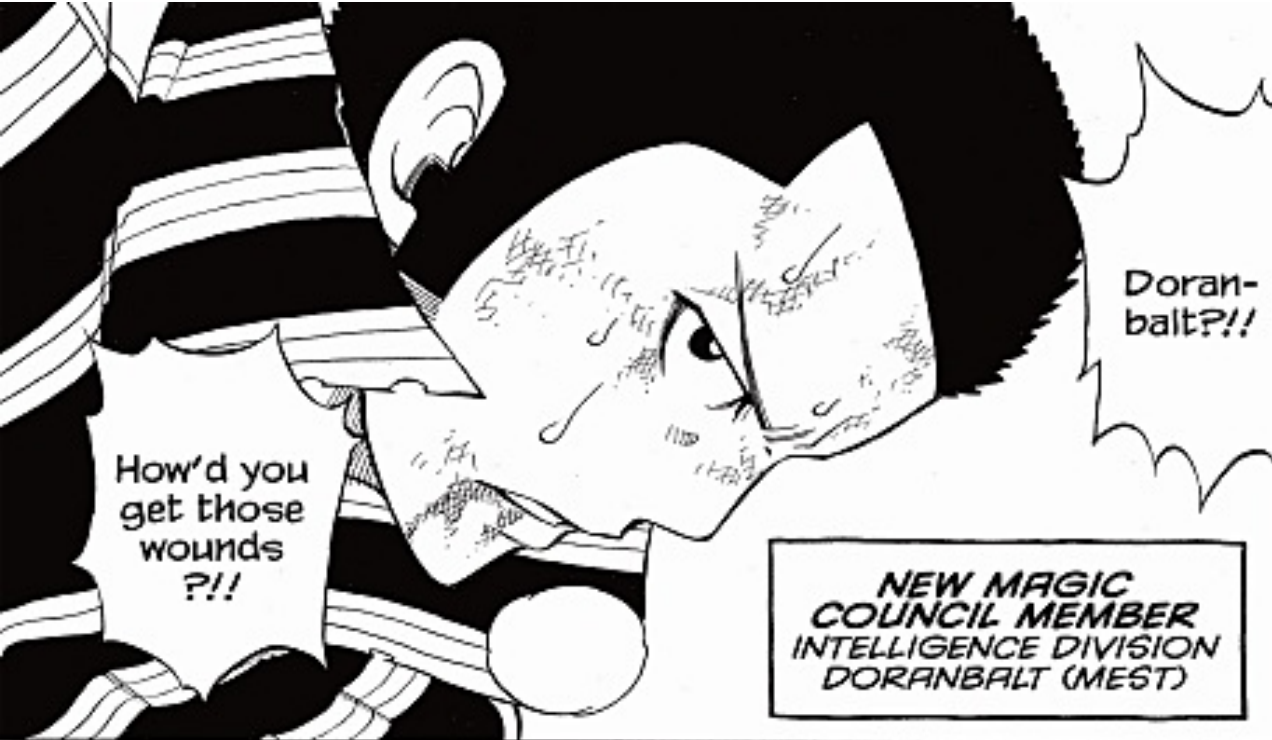


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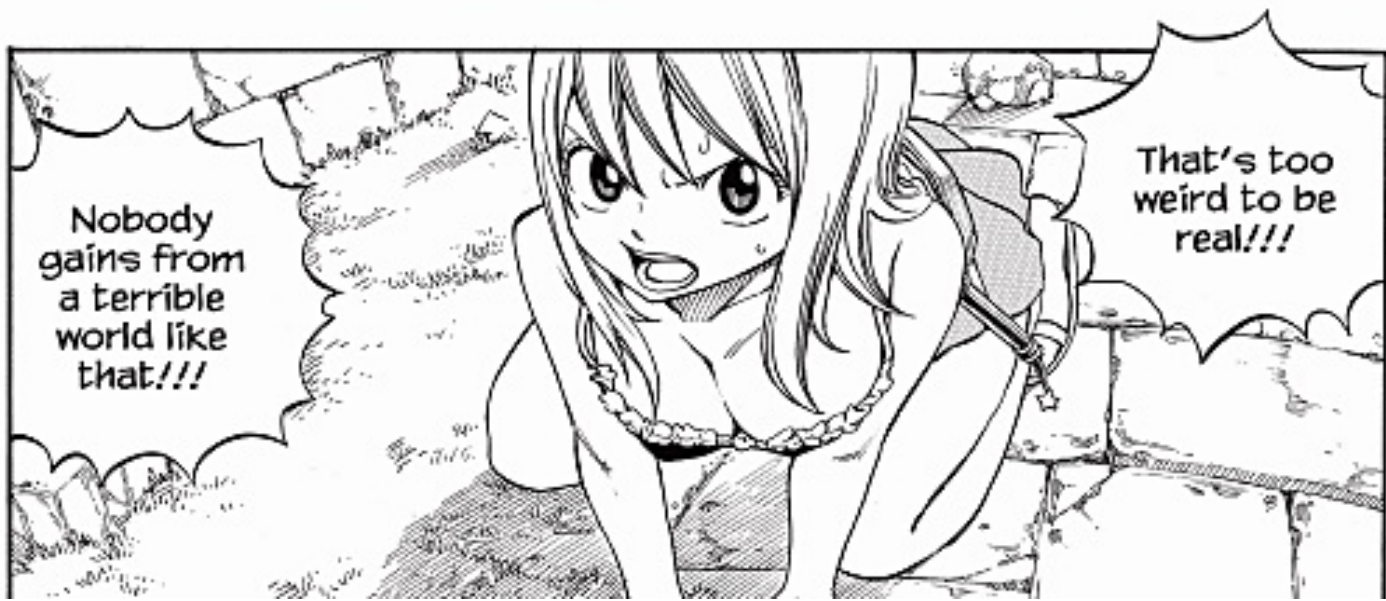
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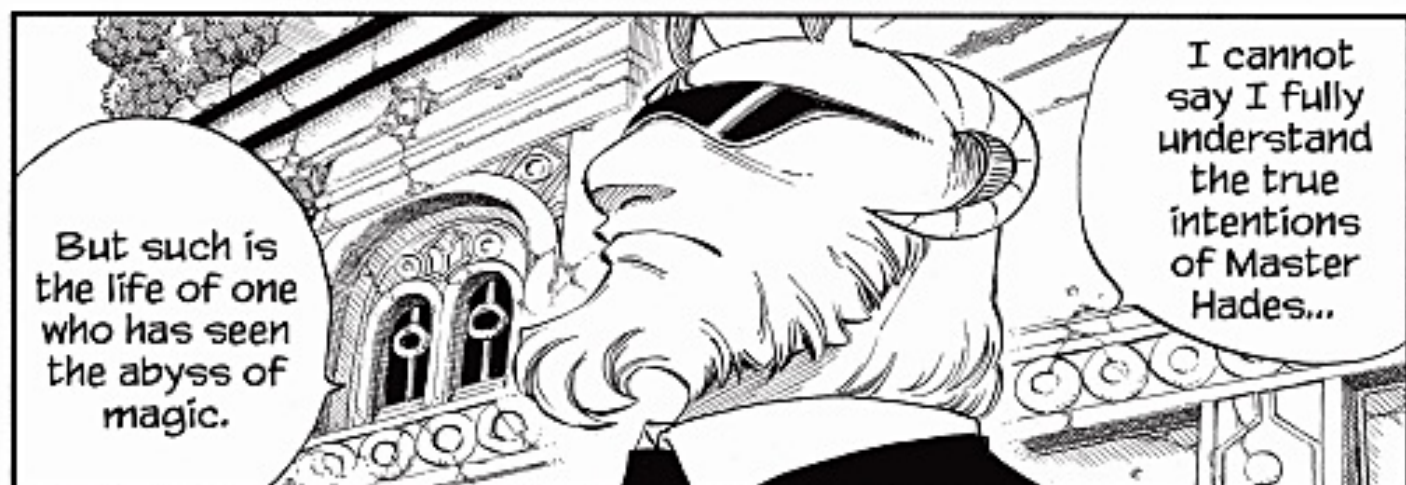




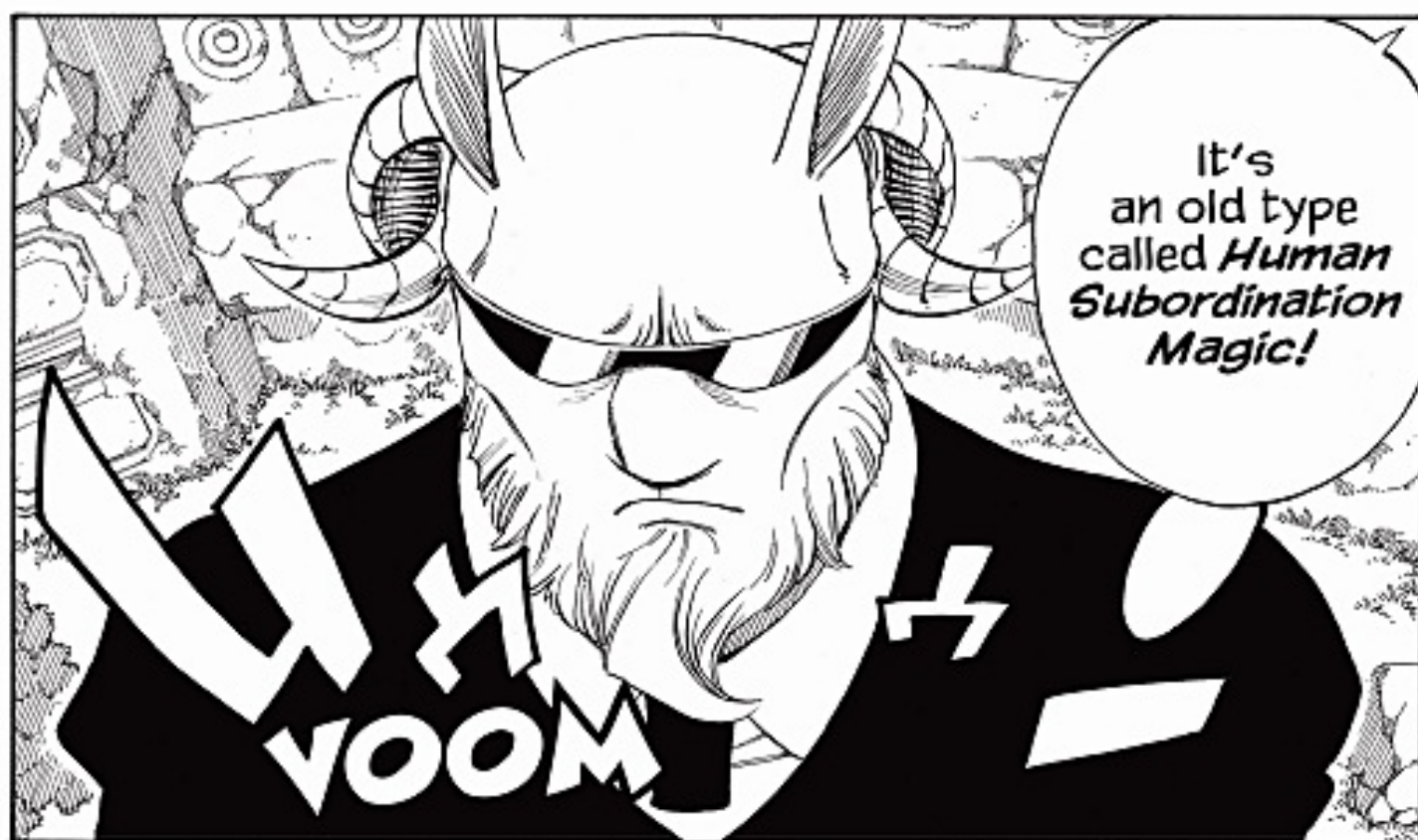
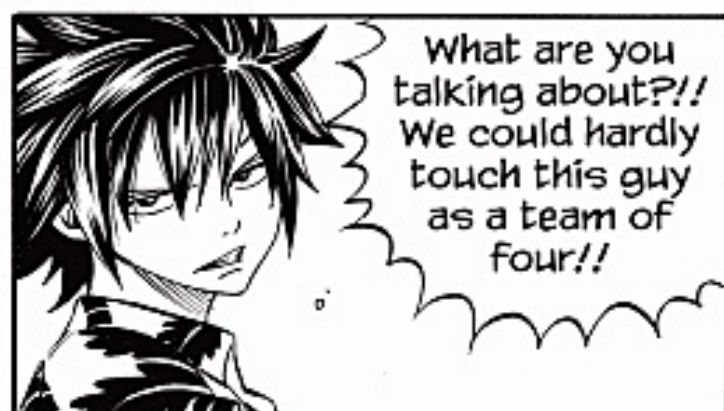


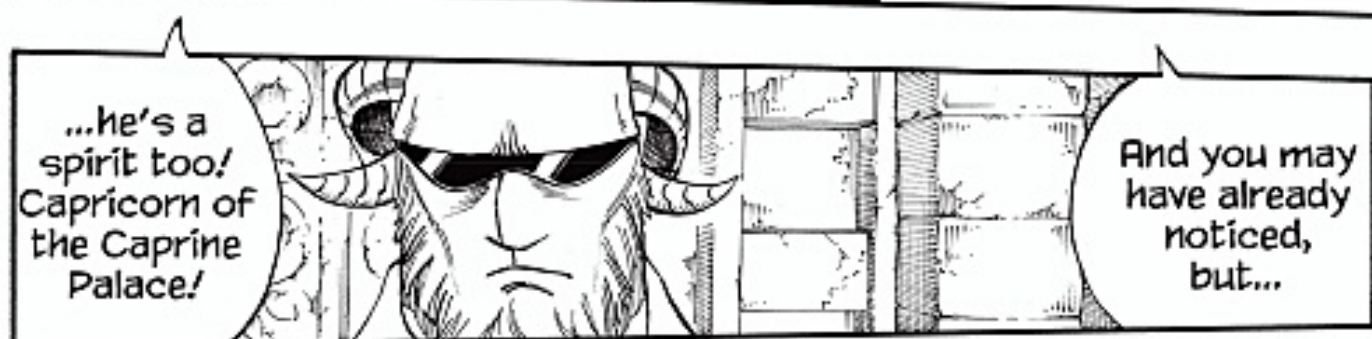














FSH

!!

!!



I see. I thought you had completely forgotten that you were a Celestial Spirit...

...
Leo!



As a fellow Celestial, I challenge you to single combat!

Capri-corn!

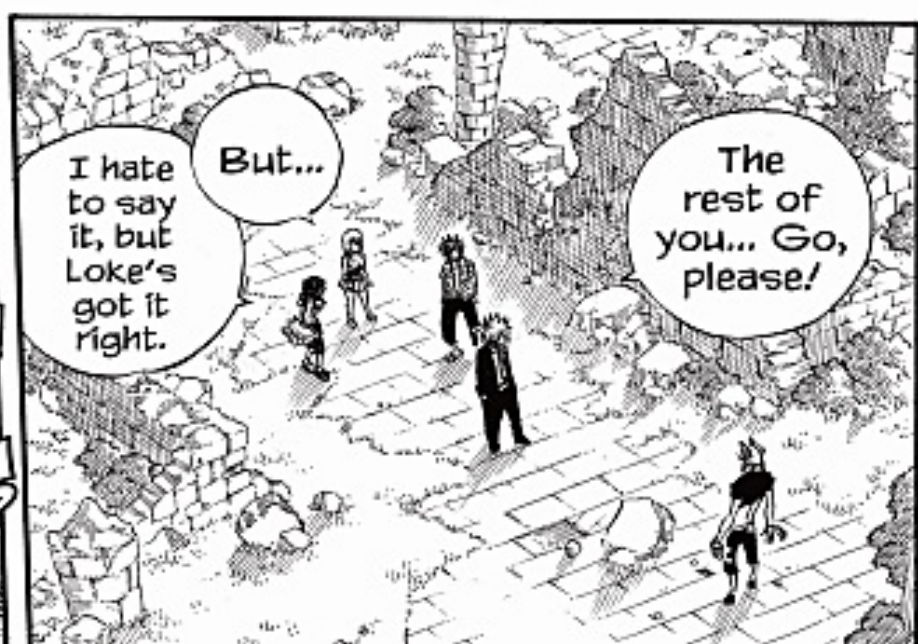


Hey —!

We gotta leave this to him!

We can't fight the guy while he's suppressing our magic power!

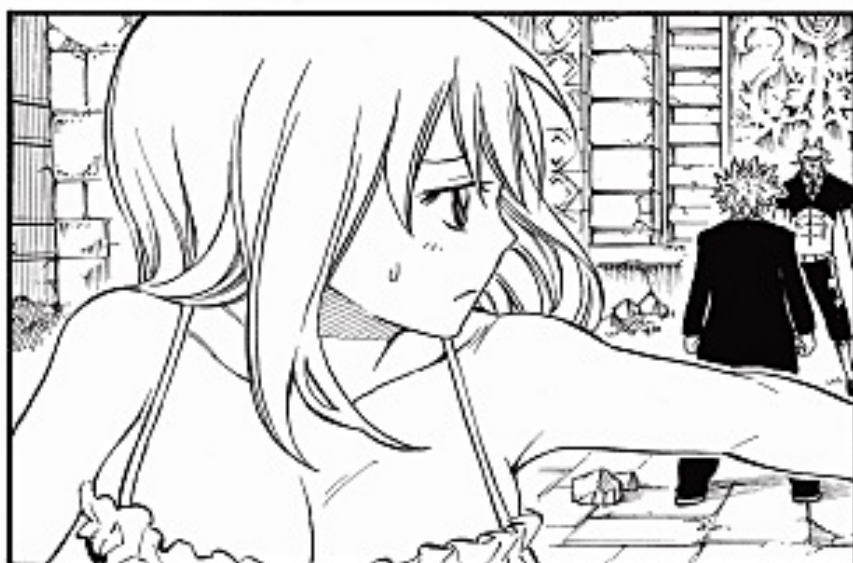
AND UP



I hate to say it, but Loke's got it right.

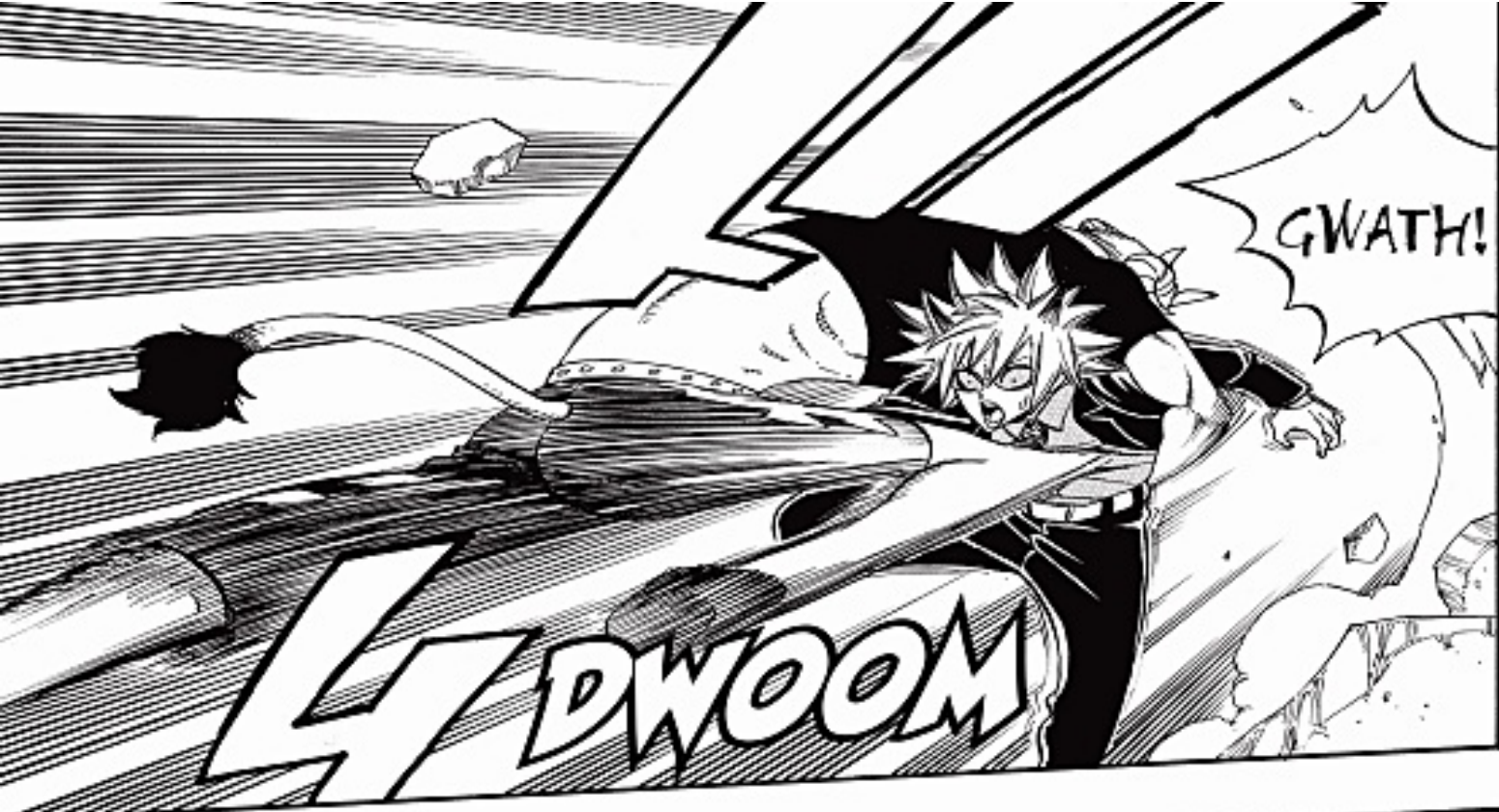
But...

The rest of you... Go, please!

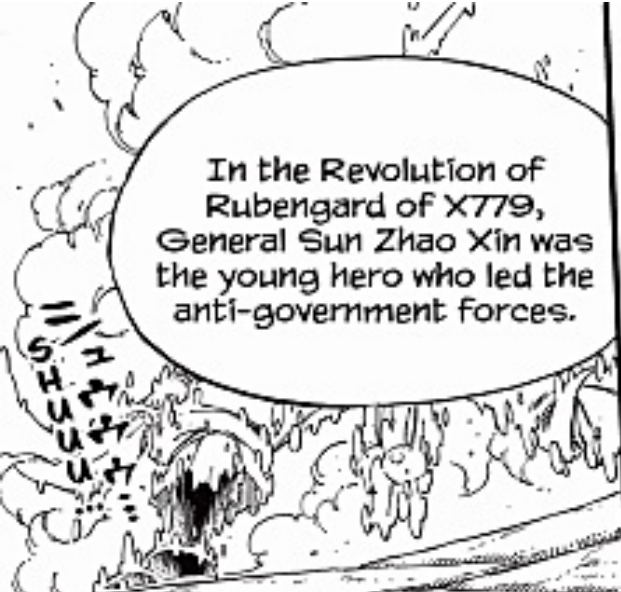








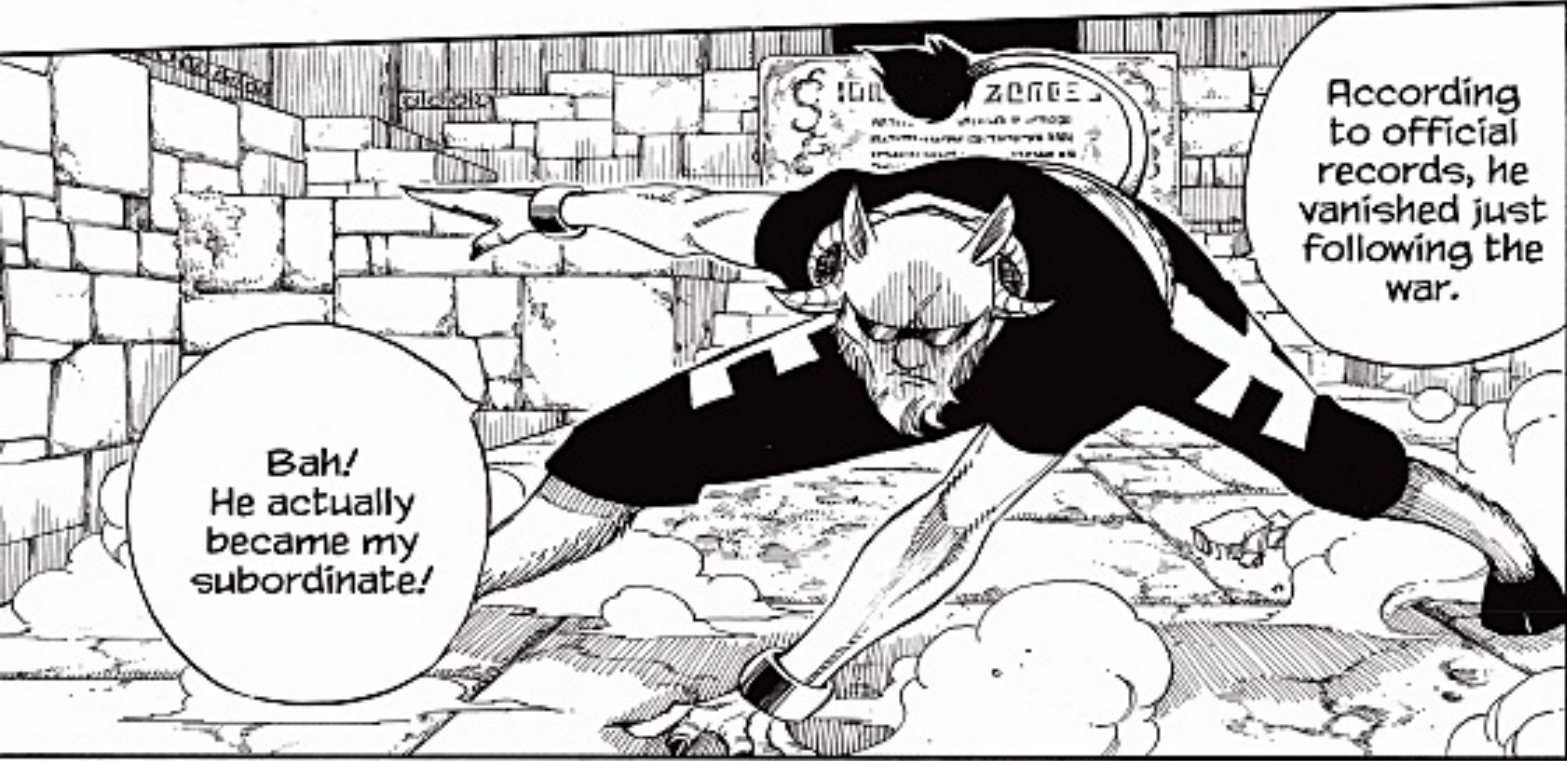




In the Revolution of Rubengard of X779, General Sun Zhao Xin was the young hero who led the anti-government forces.



Wh-What was that ...?!



Bah! He actually became my subordinate!

According to official records, he vanished just following the war.

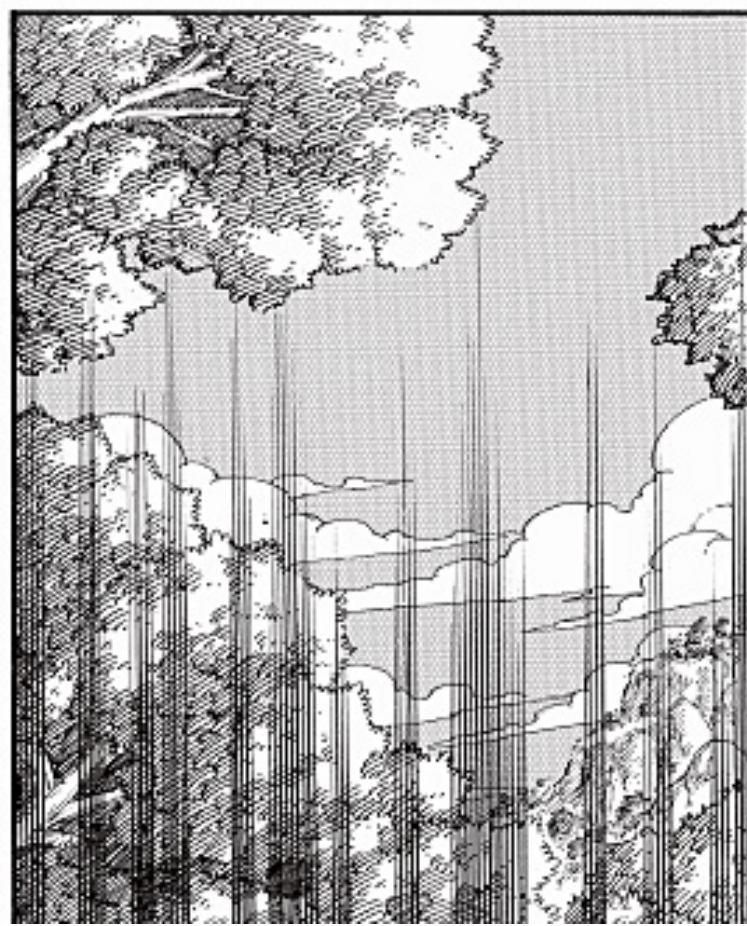
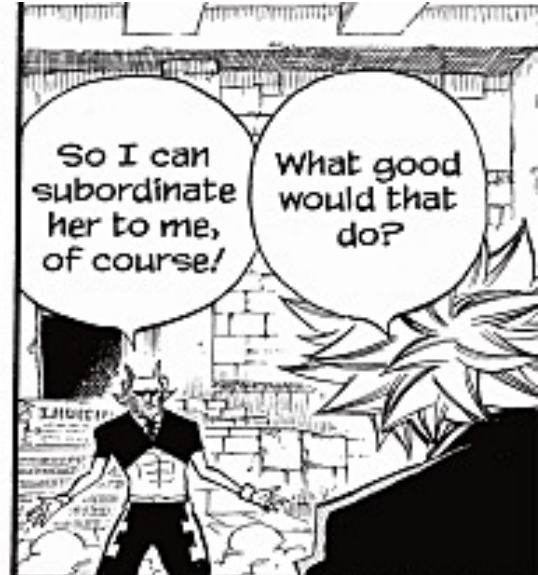
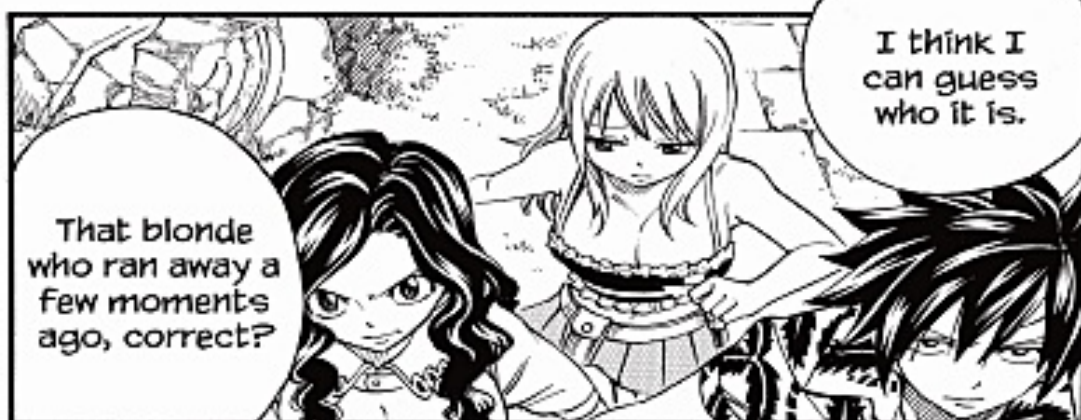


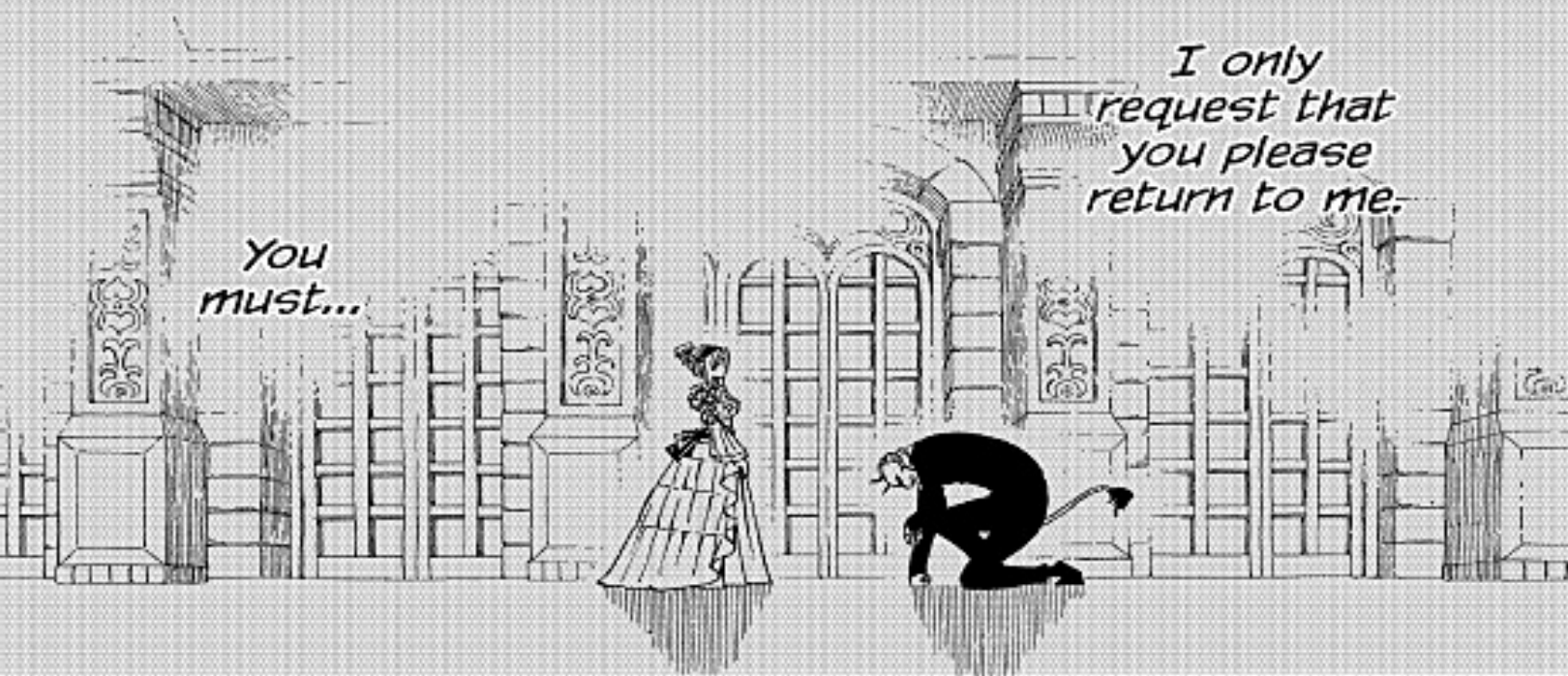
And now, I think we should discuss your owner.

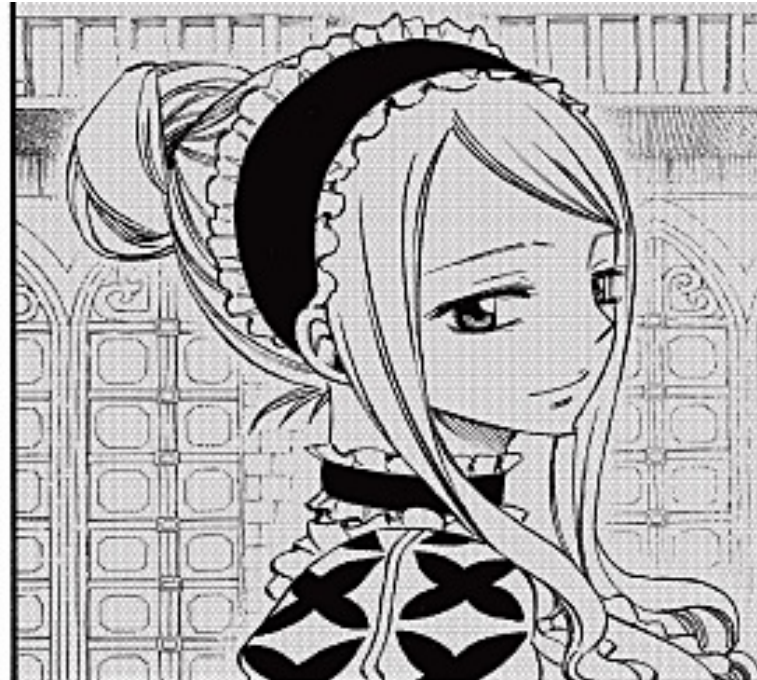


You took a human ...?!

You can summon humans ...?!







**She's
Layla
Heartfilia's
...**



**Where
is she
?!!**

**She can't
be allowed
to live!!!!**



**Dammit
...!!!!**



Chapter 224: The Ambition of Zoldio



As long as
that girl
lives...

...I
will...



BWOON

Open!!!
Hunter of
Bel Paraso
!!!!

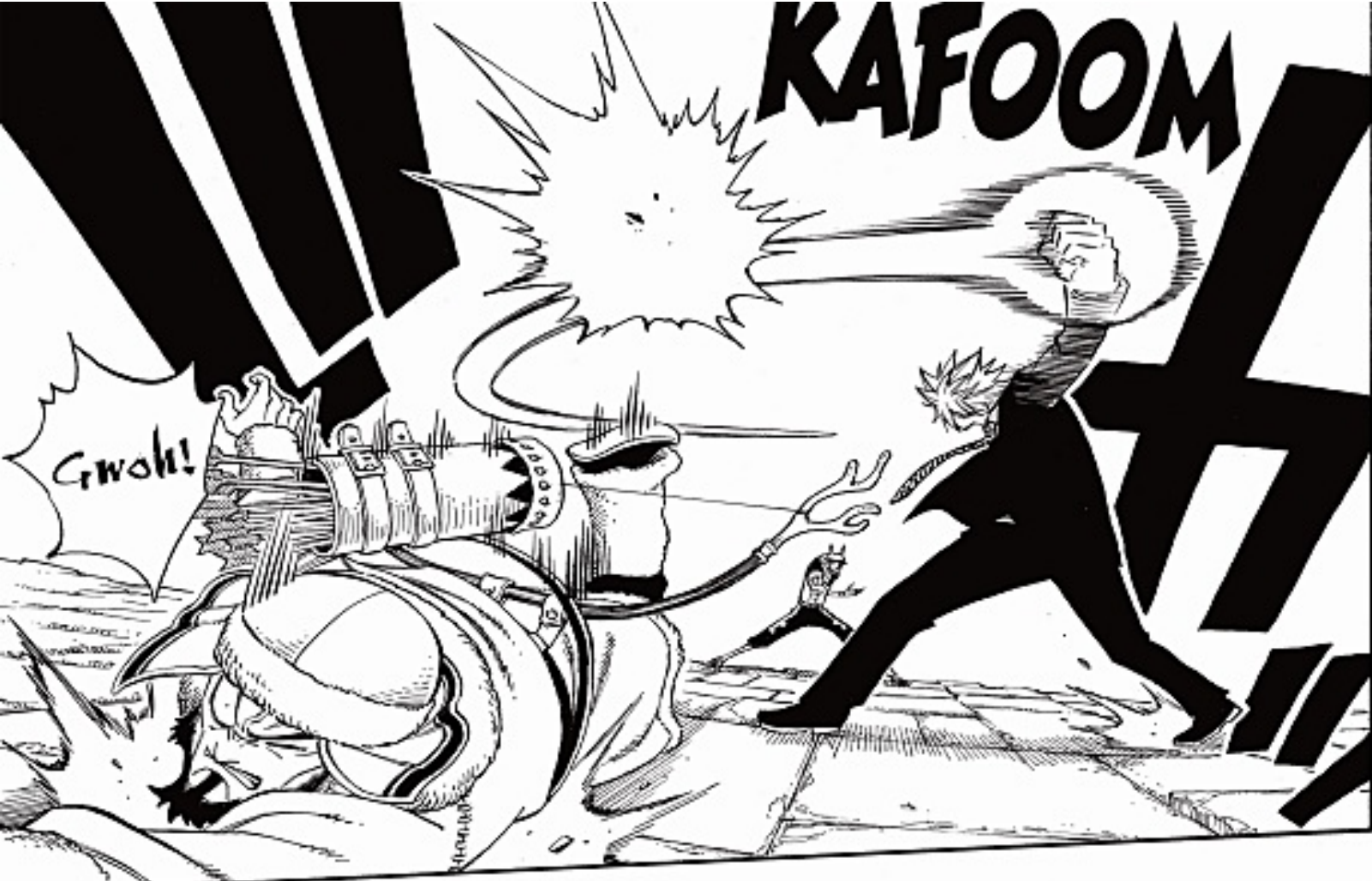
Sama-
gui
!!!!



Hunt down
Layla's
daughter
!!!!

YES,
SIR!!

SHUM





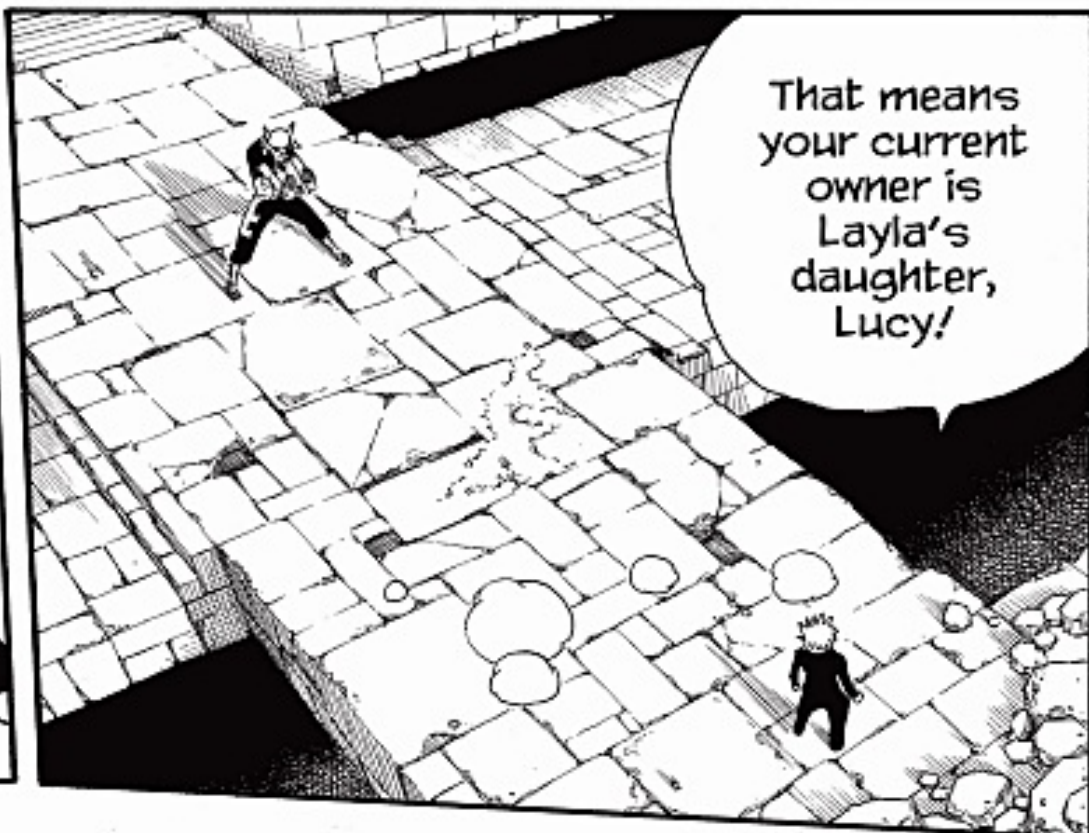
And I don't know what kind of arrangements you have in the human world now, but...



According to what Crux says...

...you formed a contract with Layla 20 years ago!

Of course, you didn't recognize her.



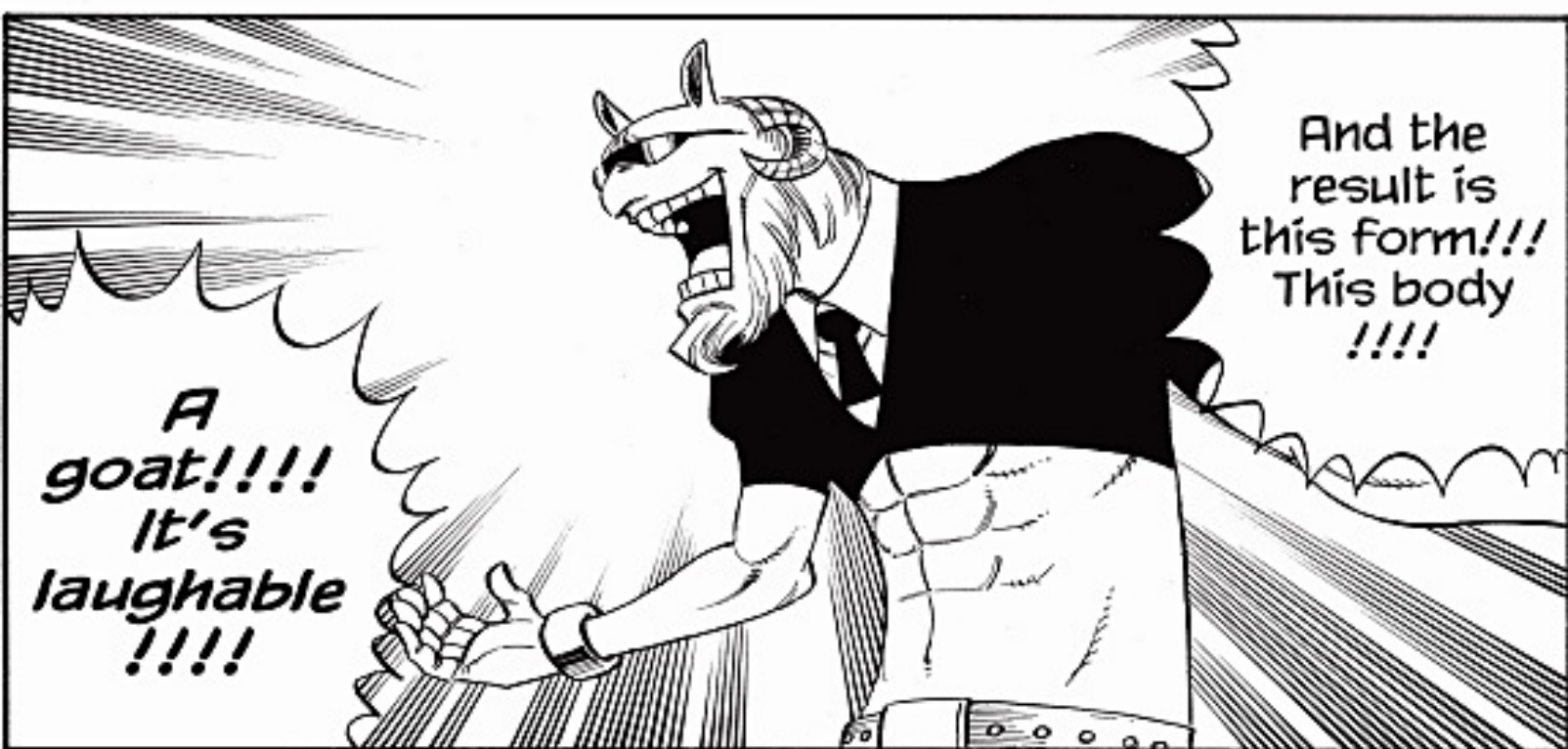
That means your current owner is Layla's daughter, Lucy!



The taboo!



What happened to you, Capricorn?!



I'm a
Celestial
Spirit, so that
doesn't work
on me.



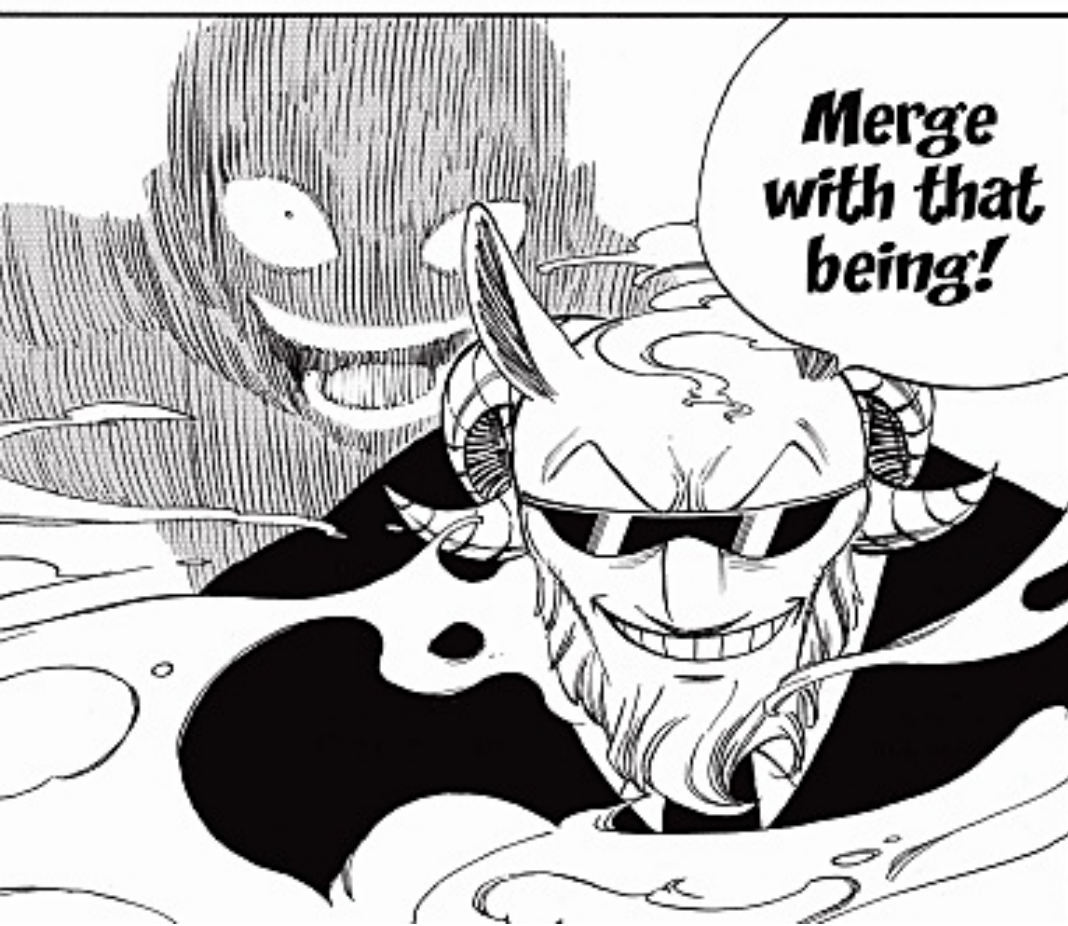
**HUMAN
SUBORDINATION
MAGIC: HUMAN
RAISE!**



It is
forbidden
to use this
magic on
anything
other than
humans!



Yes... And
thus it is
taboo!



**Merge
with that
being!**

Y-You're
kidding...

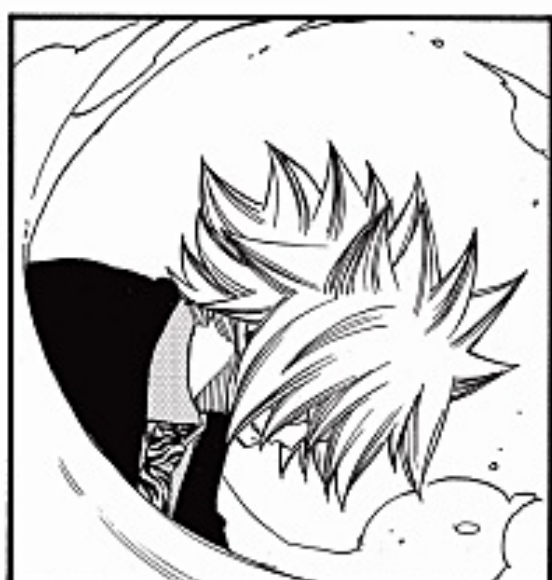
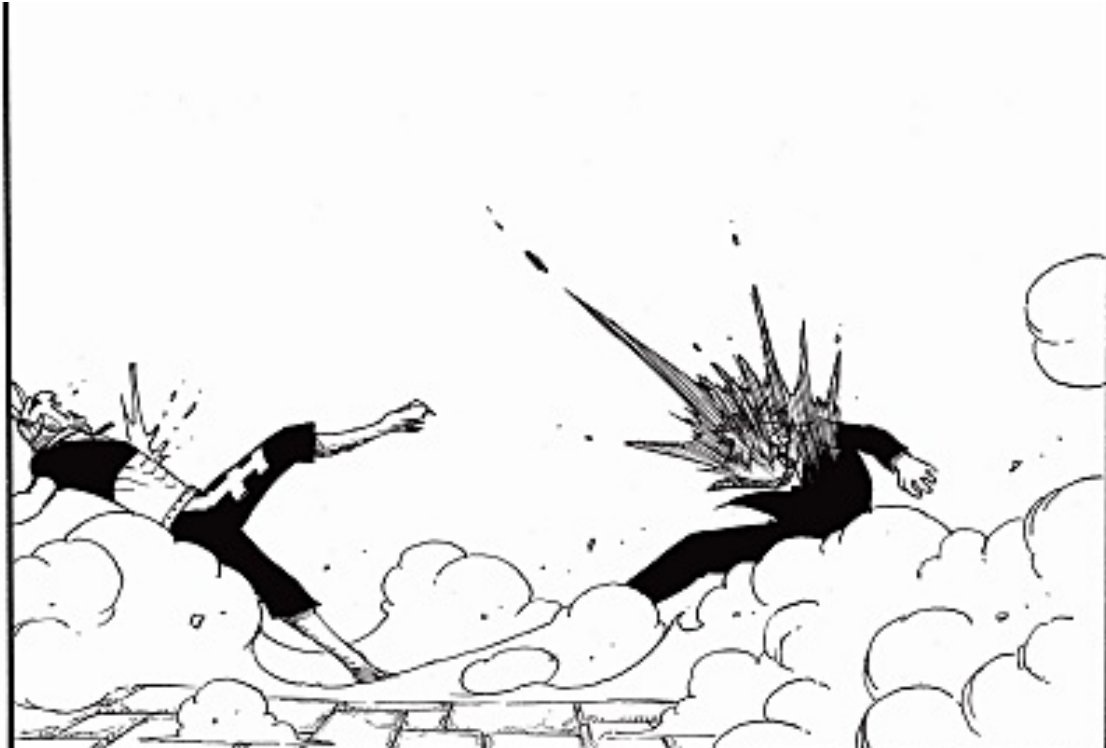


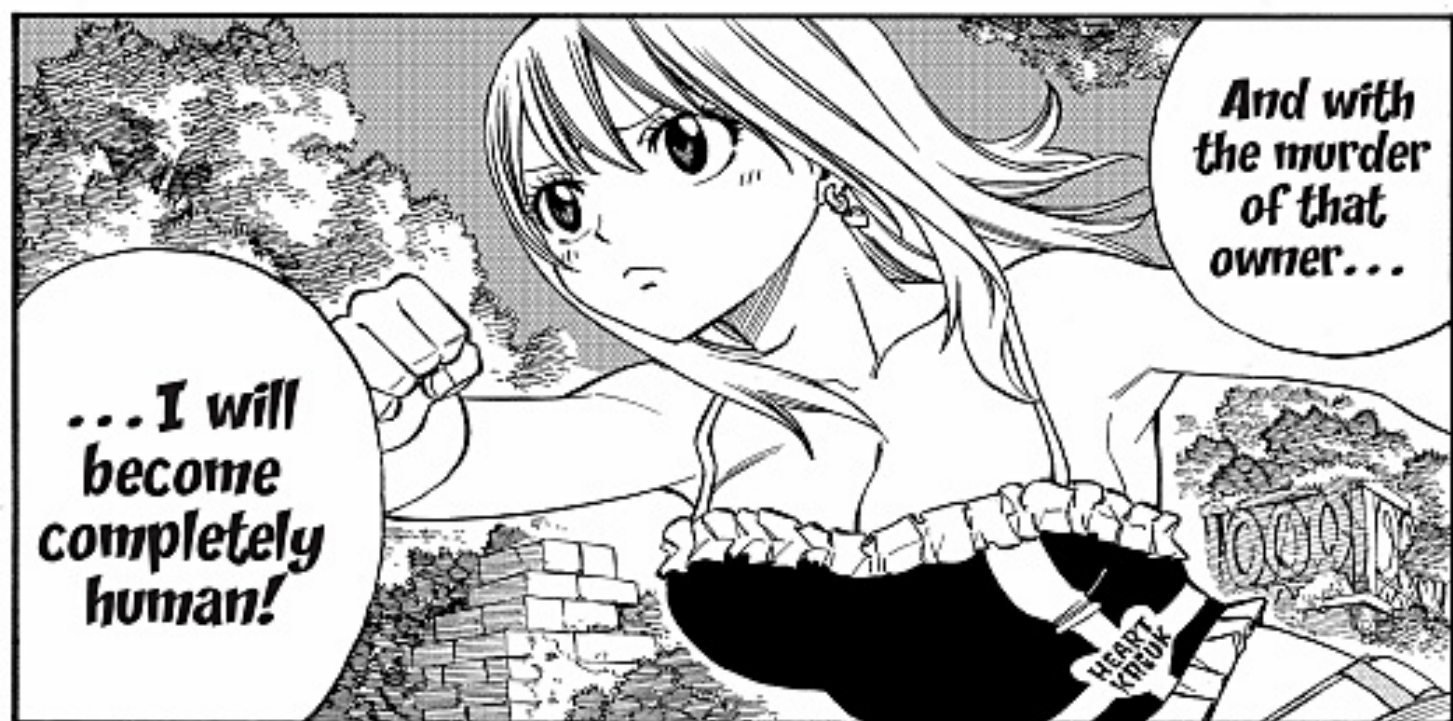
You
don't
mean...

I've broken
that
taboo...









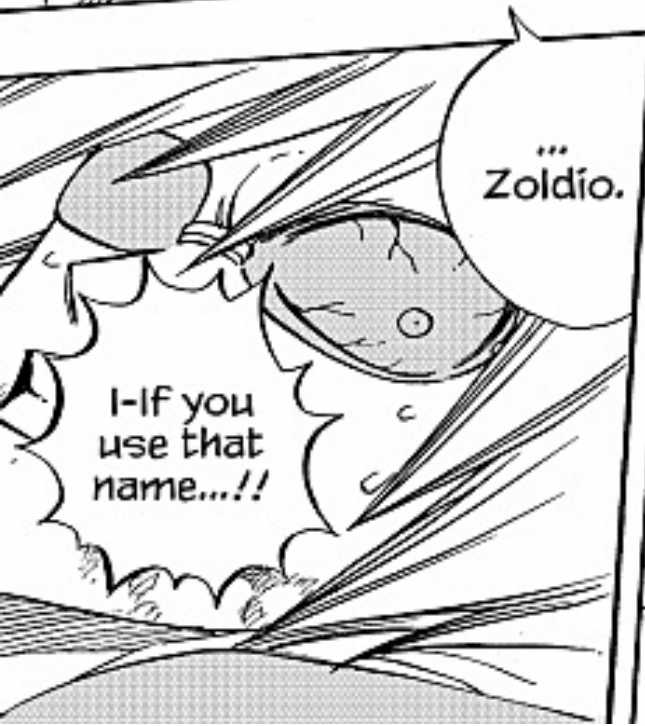




Wh-
What
is
this
?!!



Think of it
as... the full
power of
Regulus.

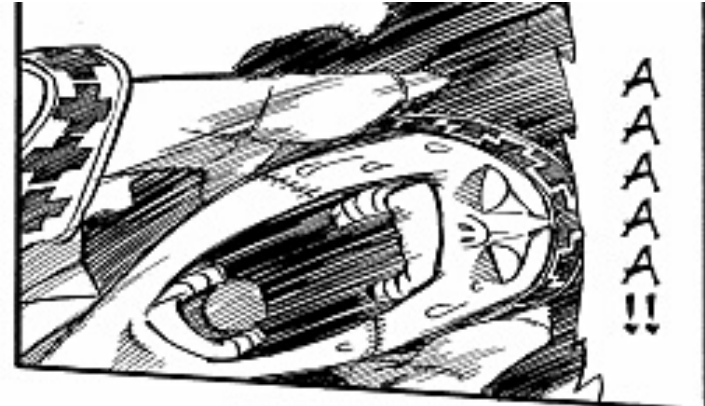


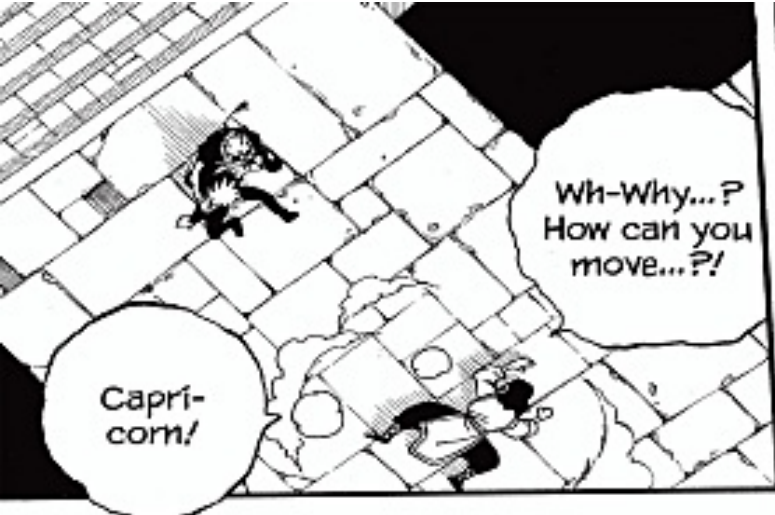
...
Zoldīo.

I-if you
use that
name...!!









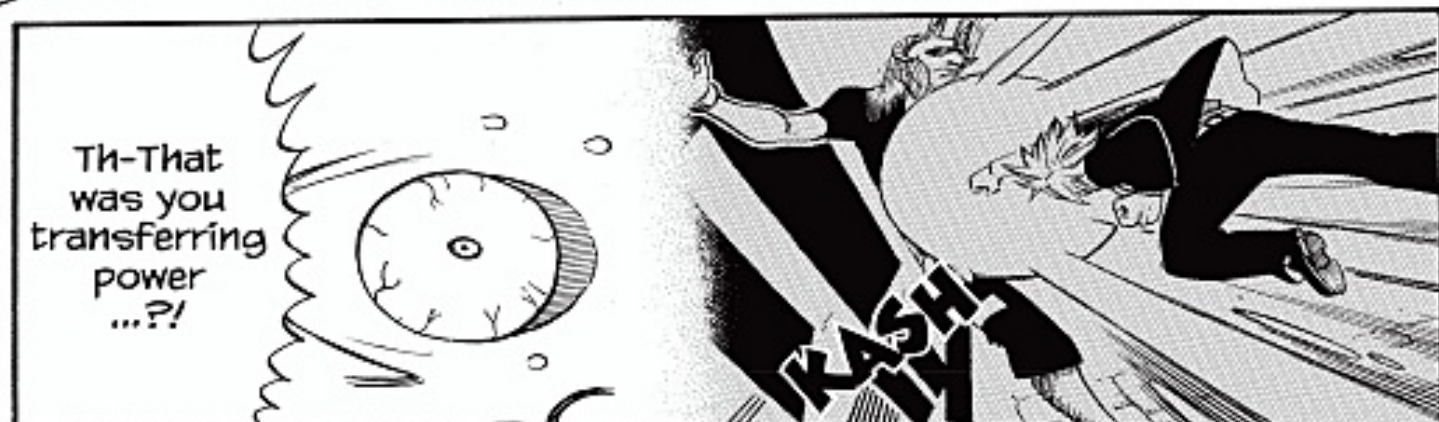
Capri-
corn!

Wh-Why...?
How can you
move...?!

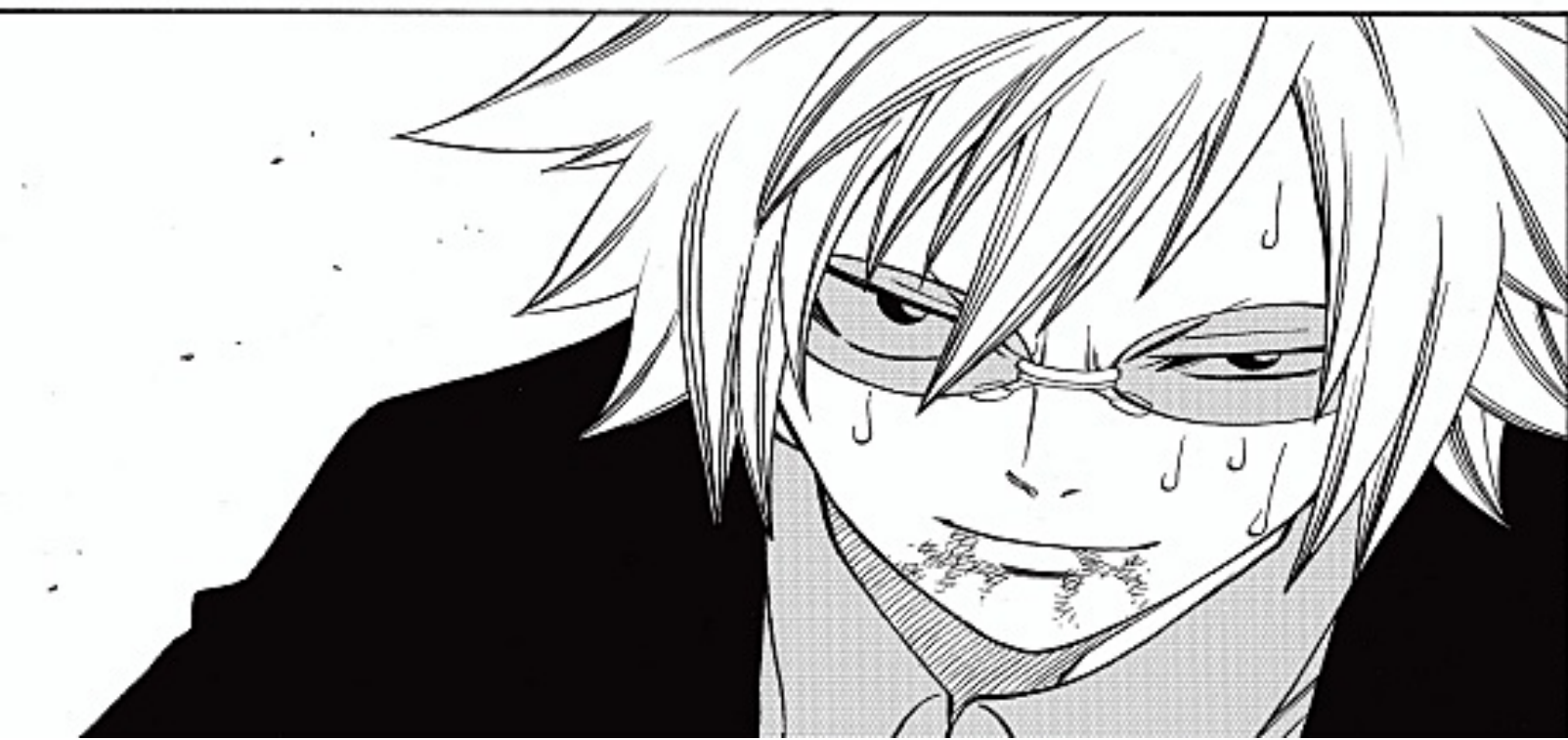


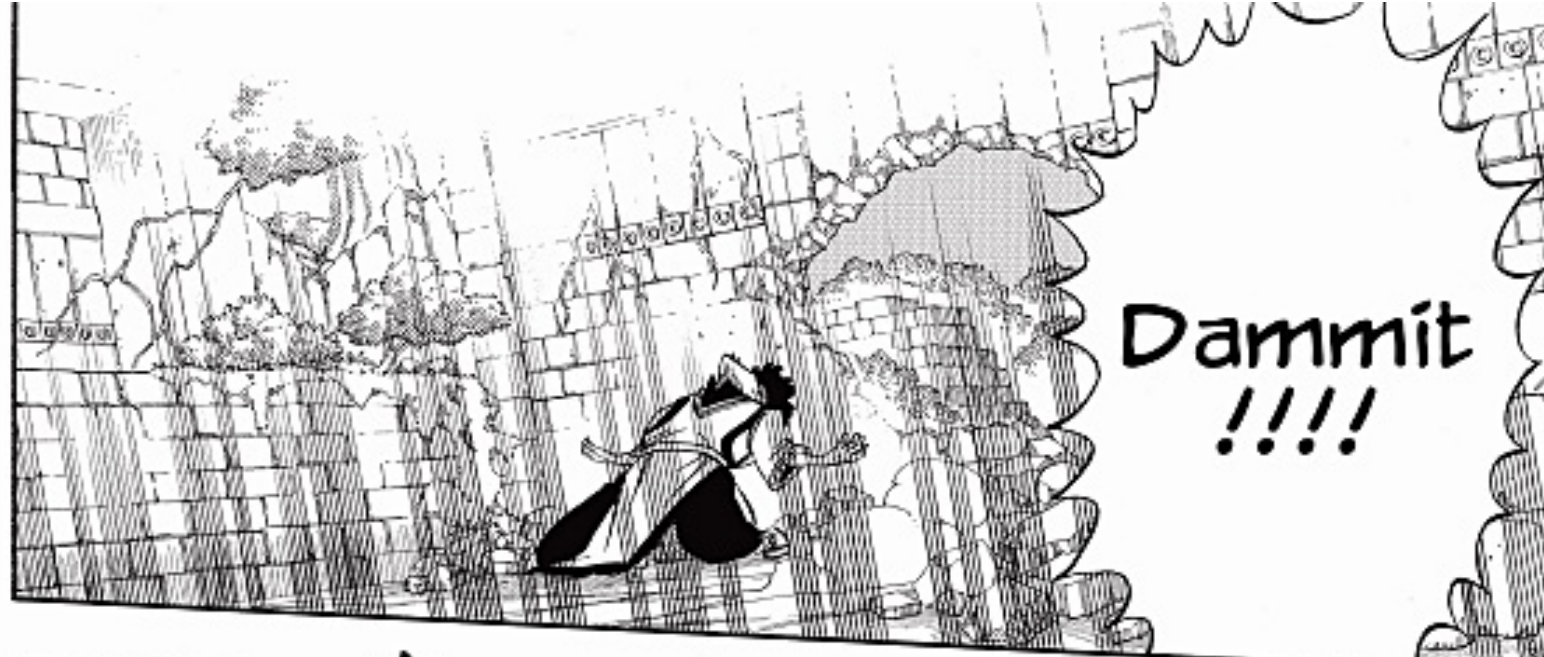
...I took
Regulus
from
Sir Leo.

Just prior
to the fusion
between
Zoldio and
Sir Leo...



Th-That
was you
transferring
power
...?!





Dammit
!!!!



Stop
it!

I don't
want to
vanish!



No
...!

What's
going
on
here...



M-My
body...



But
wait...
!!!!

I'm
finally in
my own
body...



It
happened
twenty
years ago.



W
A
A
A
H
H
!!

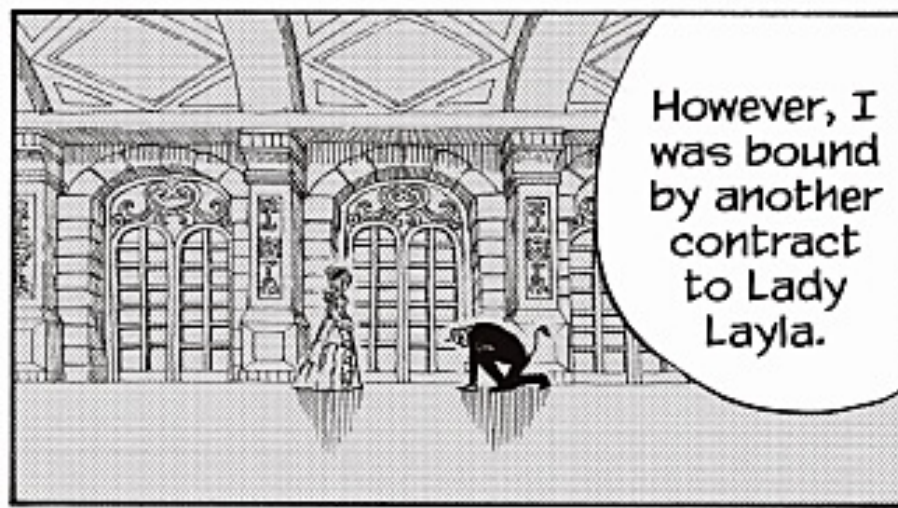


Lady Layla
suffered
a physical
breakdown
that forced her
to retire as a
wizard.



...were split
among three
people in her
employ.

As a result, her
three spirits:
myself,
Aquarius and
Cancer...



However, I
was bound
by another
contract
to Lady
Layla.

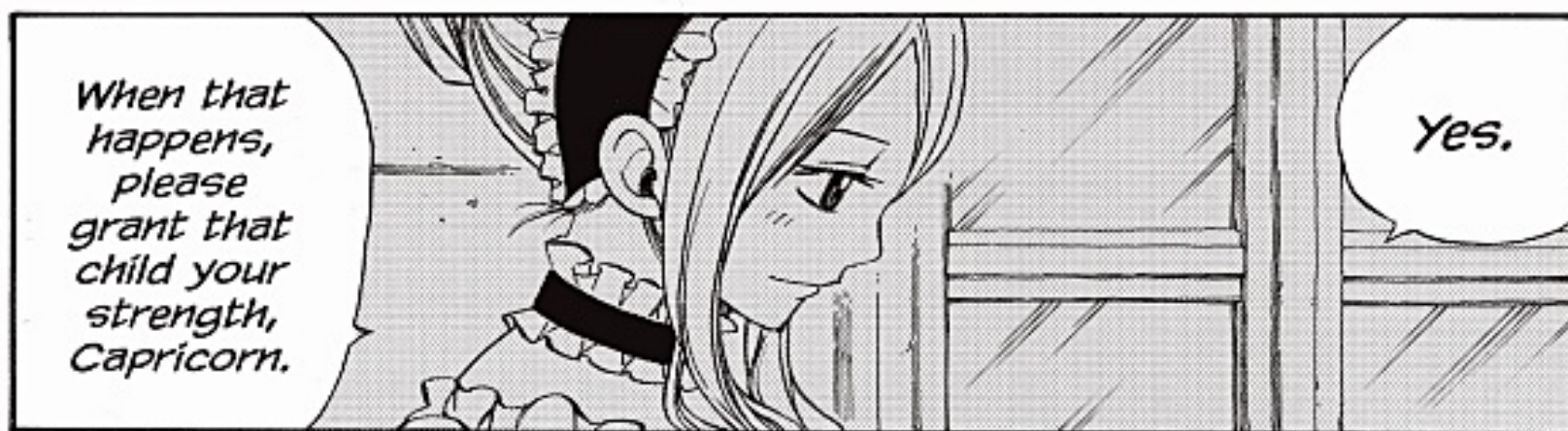


My key
was
given to
one of
them,
a man
named
Zoldio.



And if, by
chance, one
of your
line should
ever follow
the path of
magic...

I am bound
from now
until eternity
to protect
your family.



When that
happens,
please
grant that
child your
strength,
Capricorn.

Yes.



But as he touched the darker side of magic...

At first, Zoldio also consented to those arrangements.

So that's how Lucy became your contracted owner...?



Well?
What is Lucy to you now?



So you're willing to lend her your power?

Bah!
No.

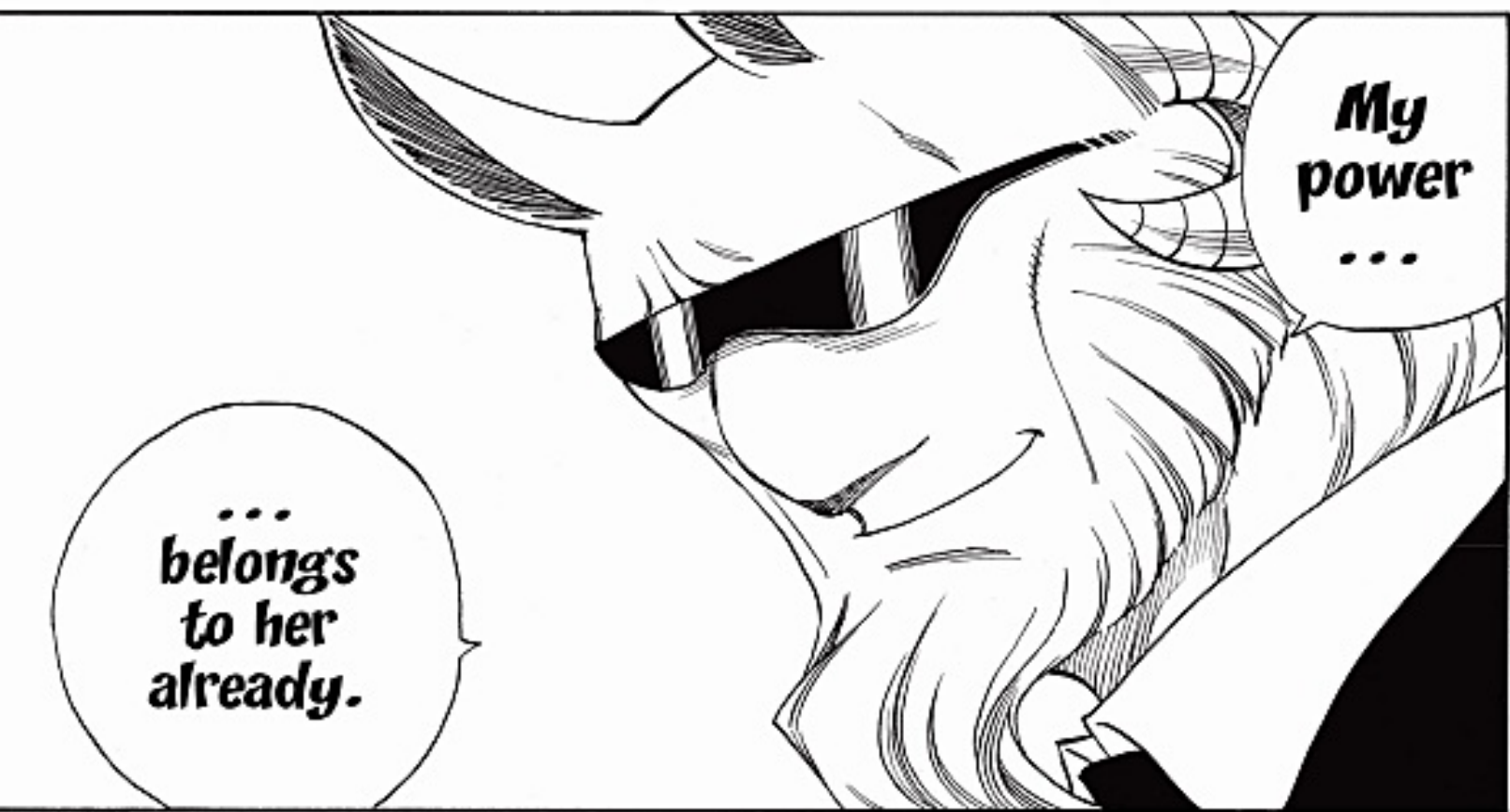


She is still Lady Layla's daughter.

I know very well how much she loves the celestial spirits, and is loved by them in return.

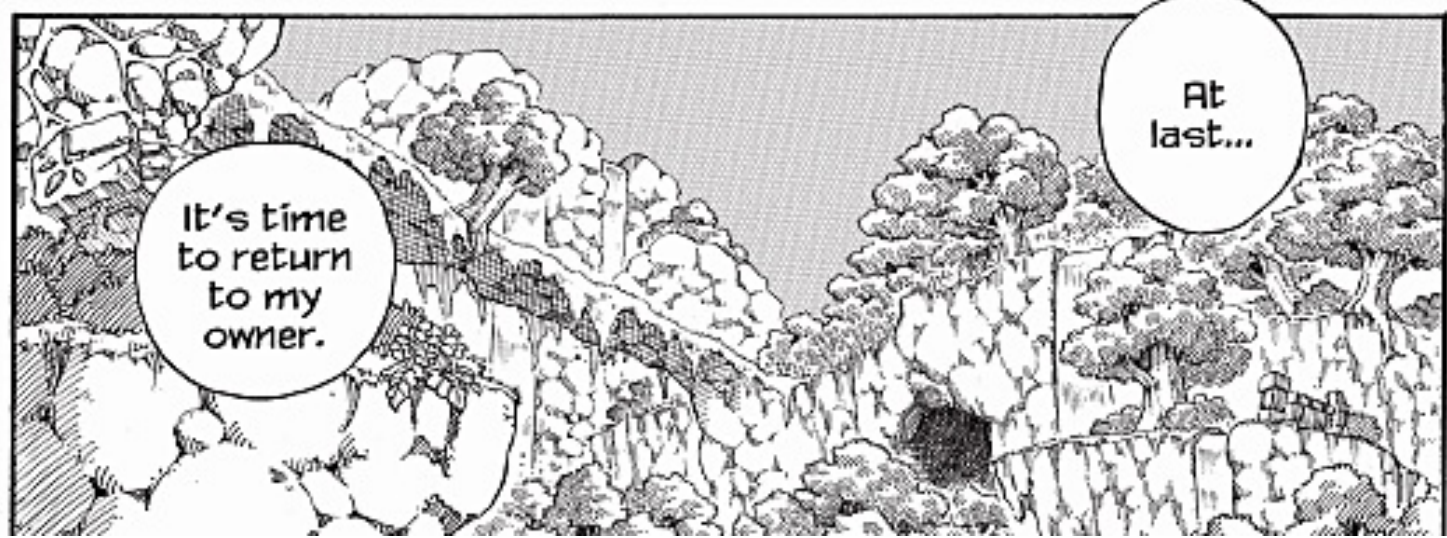


I cannot lend
Lady Lucy my
power...



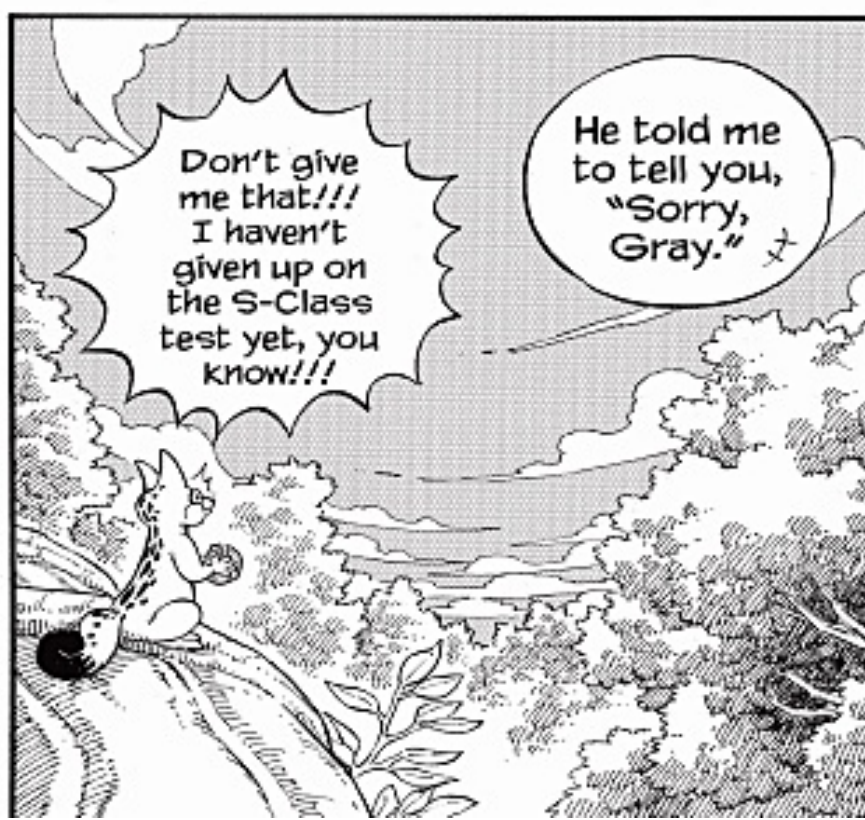
**My
power
...**

**...
belongs
to her
already.**



It's time
to return
to my
owner.

At
last...

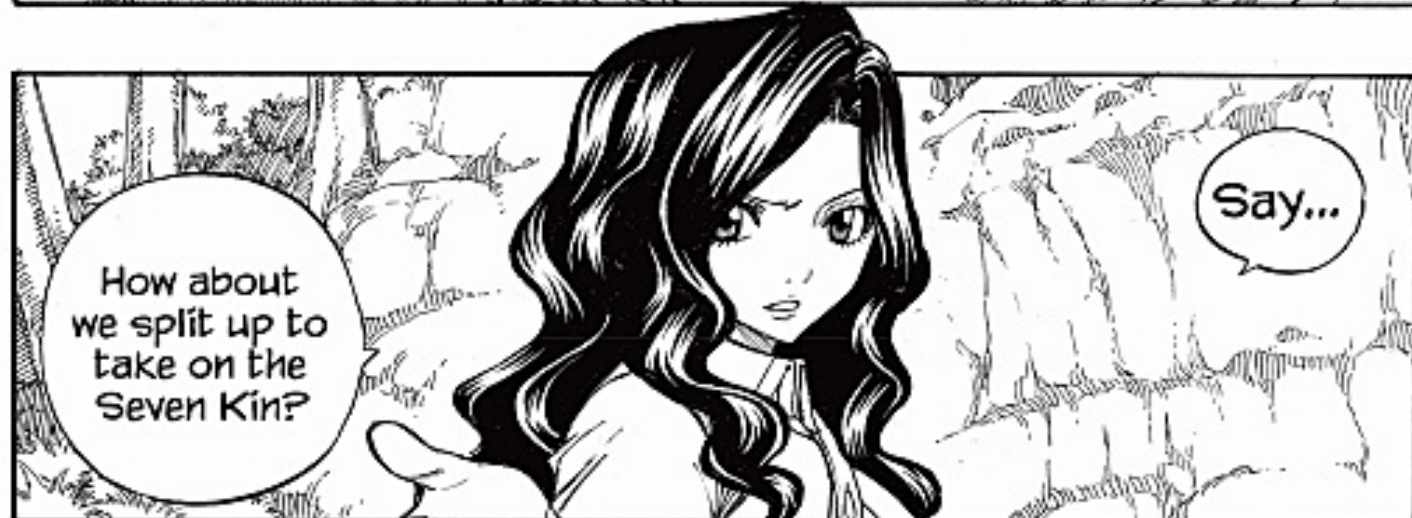
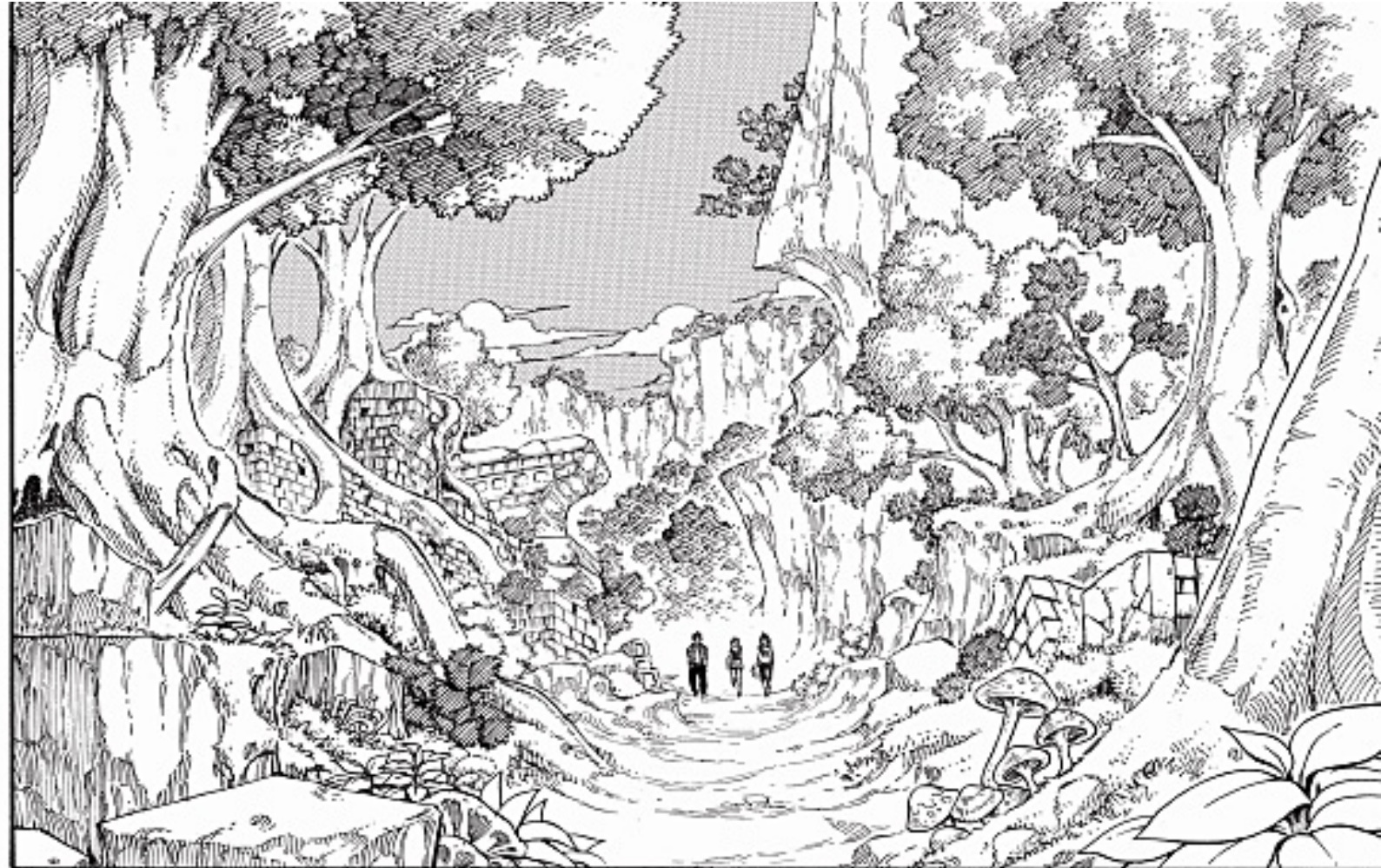


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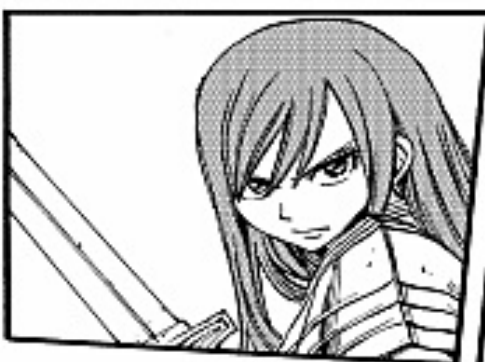
フェアリーテイル

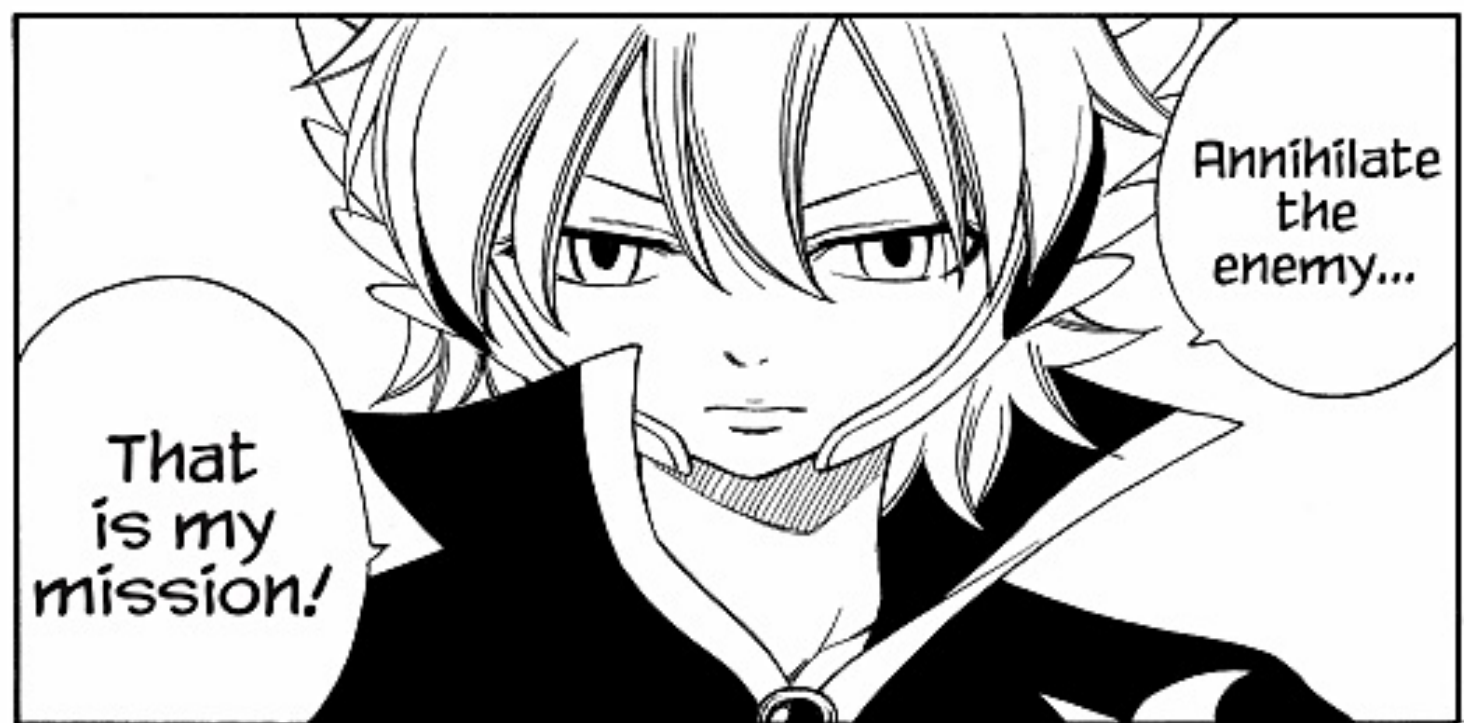


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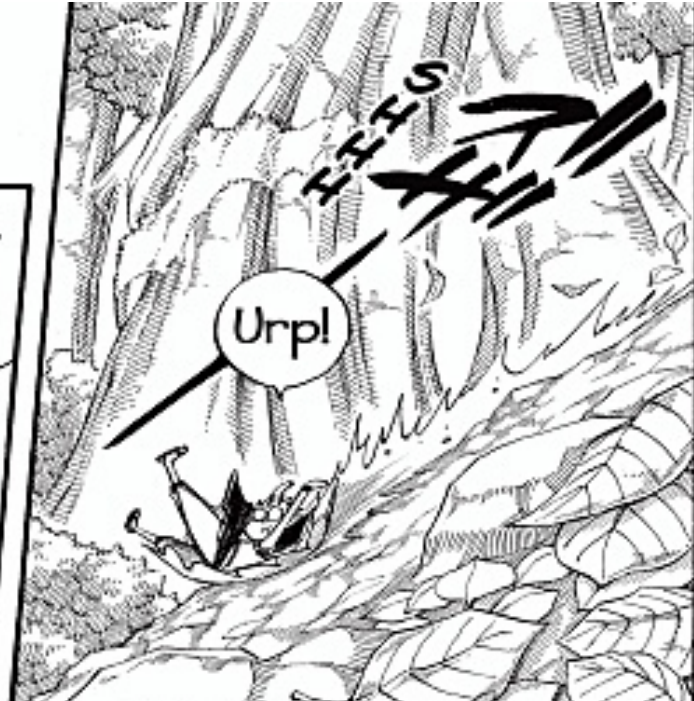








He gets sick
even sliding
on fallen
leaves?



It's
him...





Natsu!!
The
ground!!





Natsu
Dragneel?

Where
will *your*
future
guide
you...

There
was a
sprouted
seed there.



And the Arc
of Time
guided it
into the
future.



This is
my true
form!

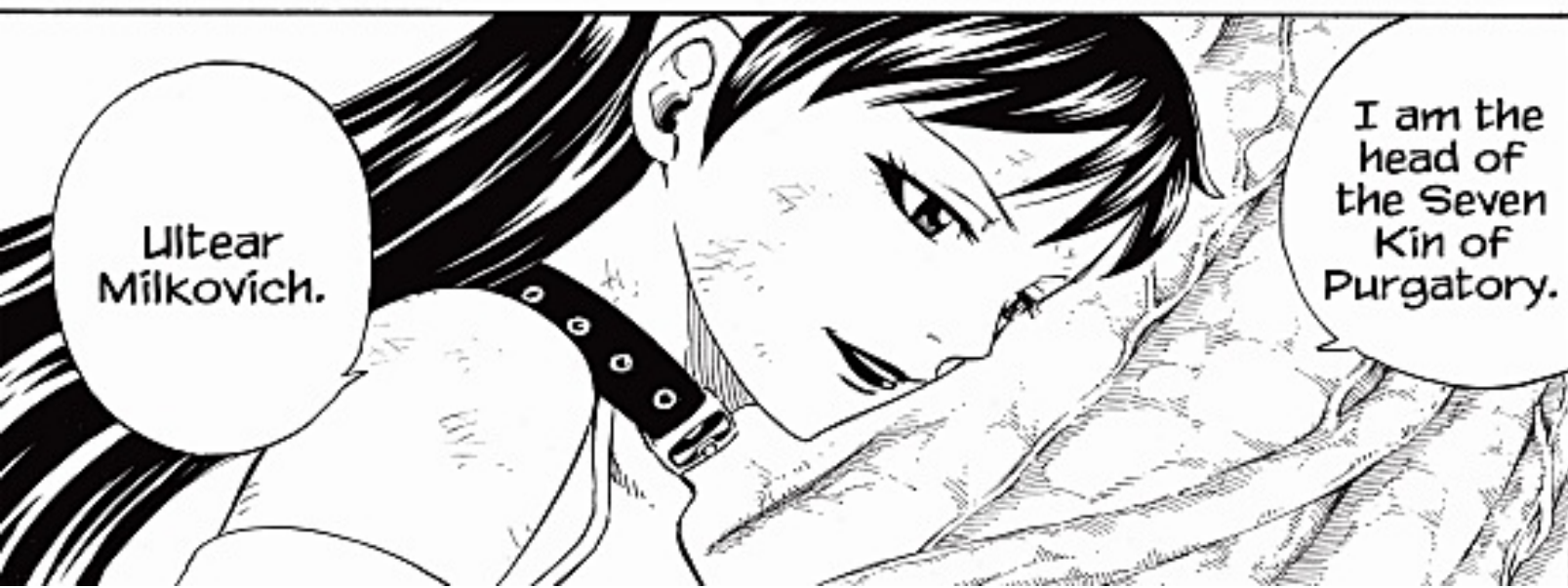
So you're
a cross-
dresser?



You mean
that guy who
was using
Leon's group
on Galuna
Island?

You're that
creep from
before.

I never
forget a
smell.



Ultear
Milkovich.

I am the
head of
the Seven
Kin of
Purgatory.



Zeref?

You aren't after Zeref, are you?



Zeref belongs to me.

You can't have him, you know.



You're kidding!! Zeref is supposed to be ancient!

That guy's Zeref?!



And I won't tolerate that
!!!!

I don't want him!!!!

You hurt my friends
!!!!



For real
this time!

KWOOM
= 11 =

Is
that
so?

Then it's
time for me
to repay
some old
debts.

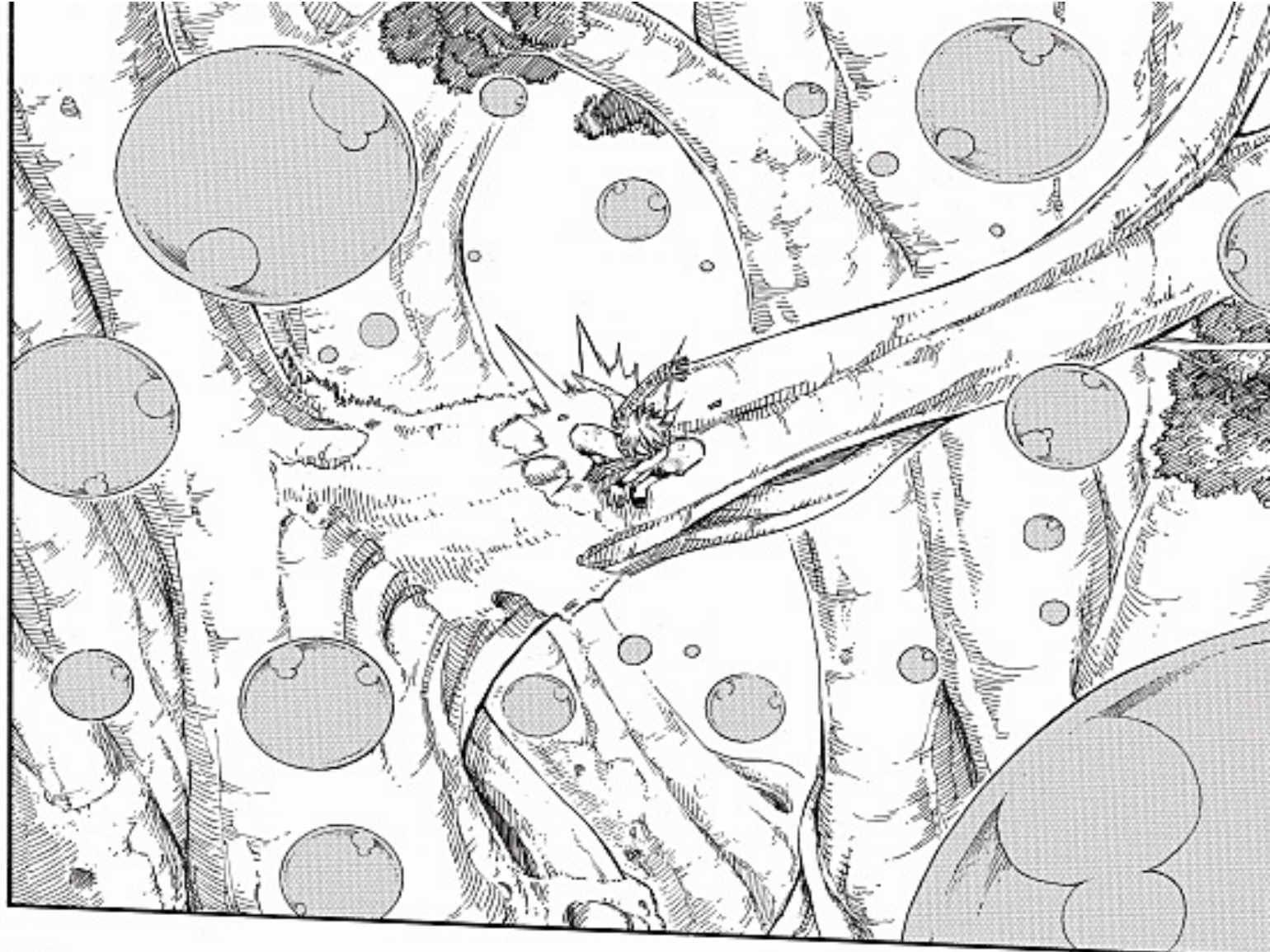
If you
hadn't
gotten in
the way...

...I'd be an
S-Class wizard
by now!!!!



WHOOSH

Is that
your
future,
then?



Parallel
univers-
es!

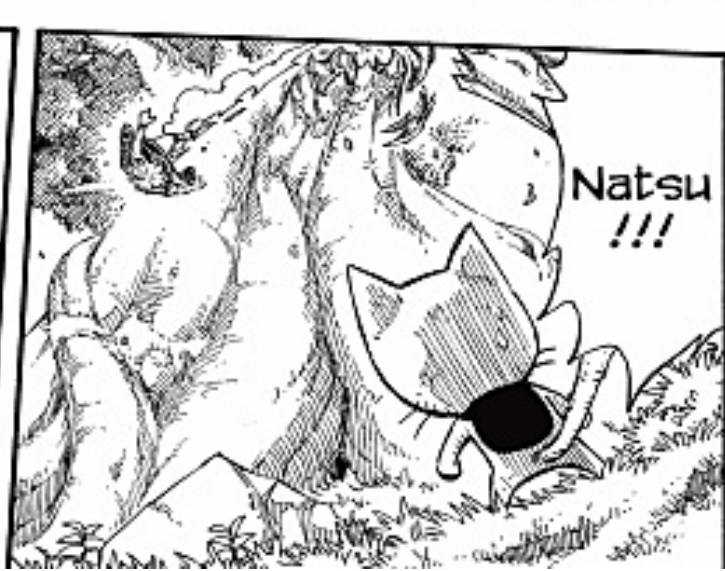
Each
of these
crystal
balls
contains a
different
possible
future!



...then
send them
towards
one
future!

I can
create an
infinite
number of
futures...

...shrink
them...



Ruins of
Sirius
Island
Base
Camp

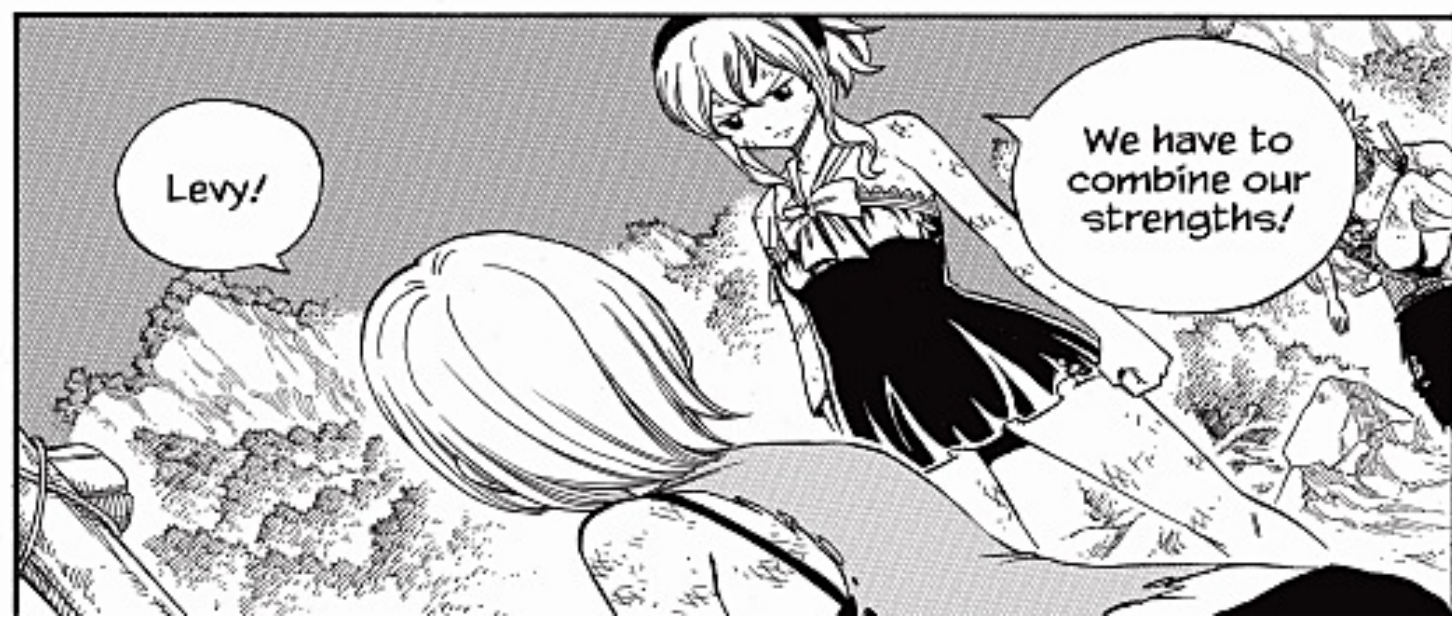
They're
both
breathing.
They'll be
all right.

It's my
fault...

It's
my...

Even
Gajeel and
Mira...

For them
to be
defeated
...







E!

That's the only letter that appears twice, the e. I thought that was a little strange.

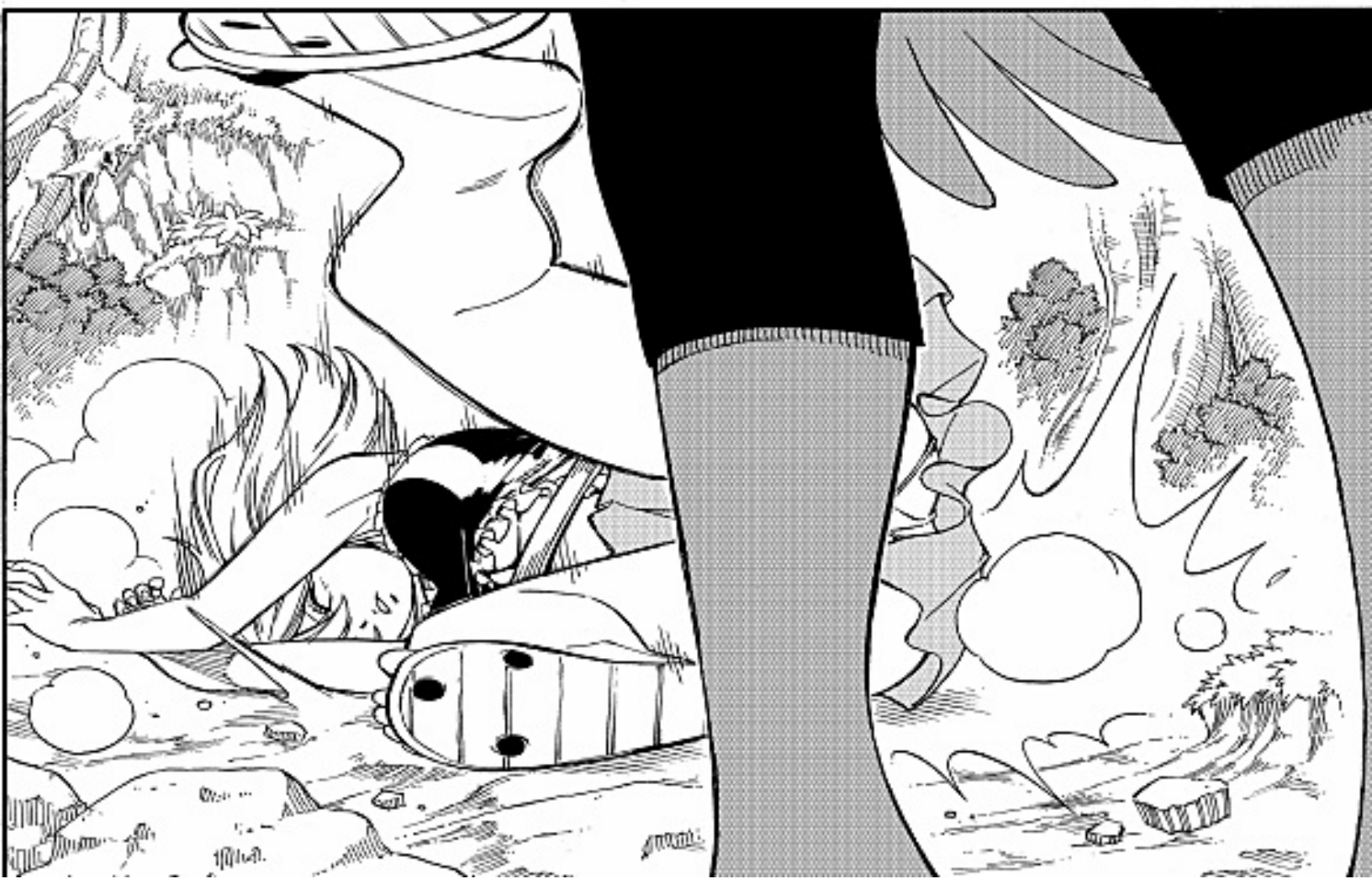
promise

This part's just a hunch, but when you look at the word, there's one letter that sticks out.

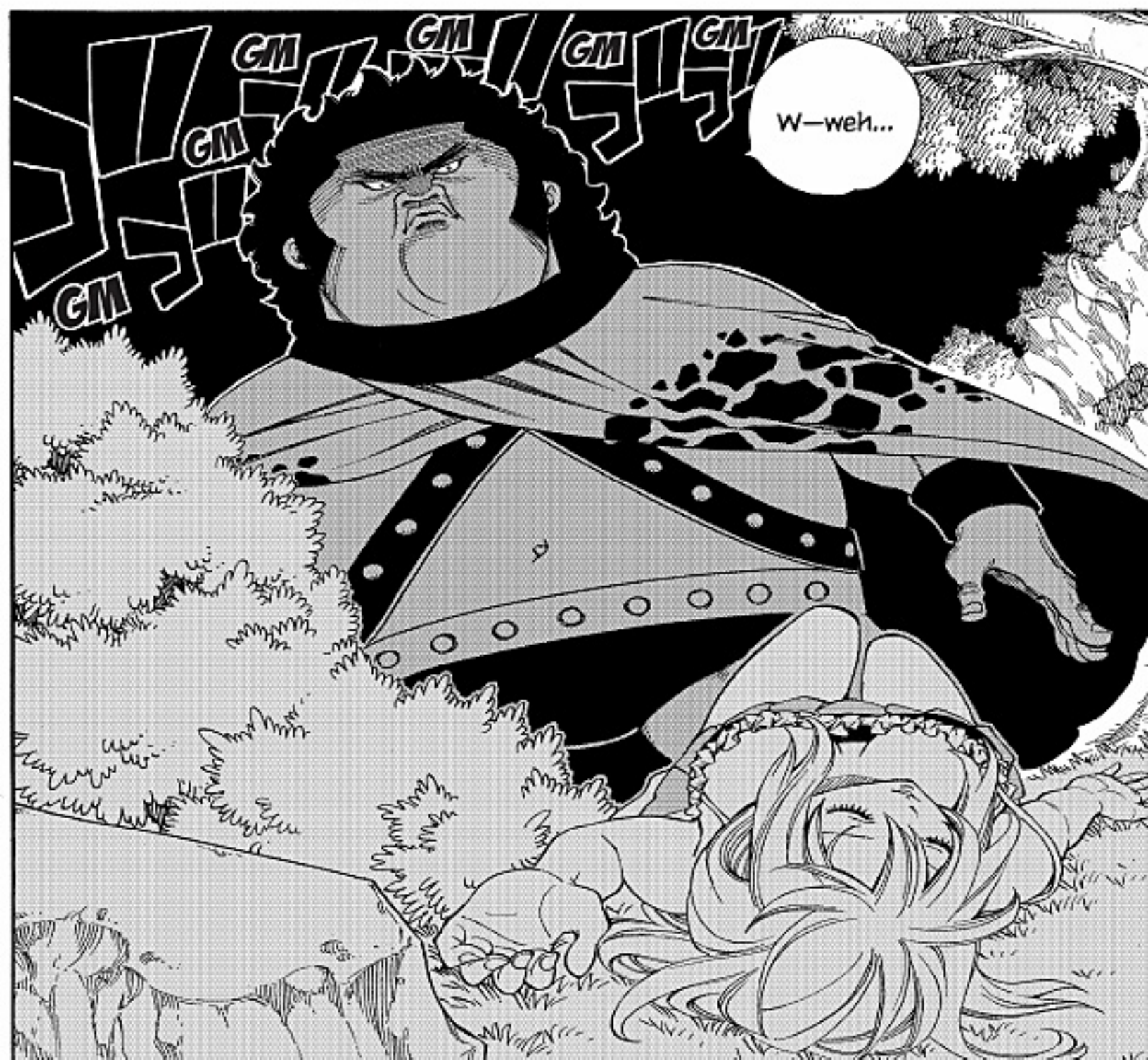
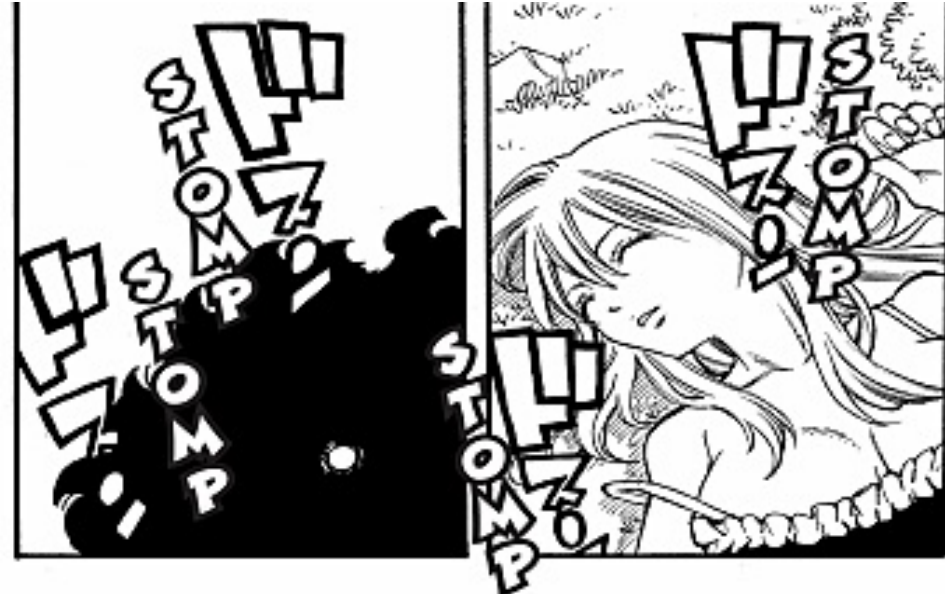


One of them was an E...

Do you remember how the paths we chose at the very beginning were all marked with letters?



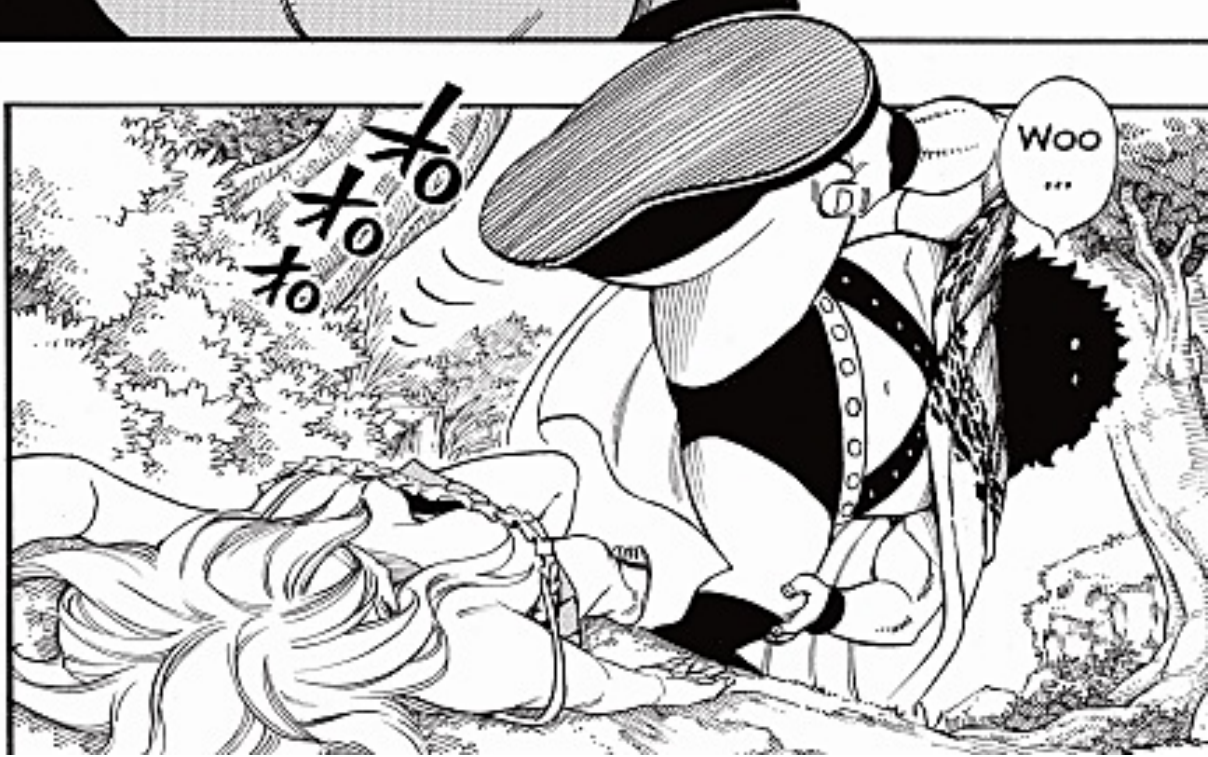
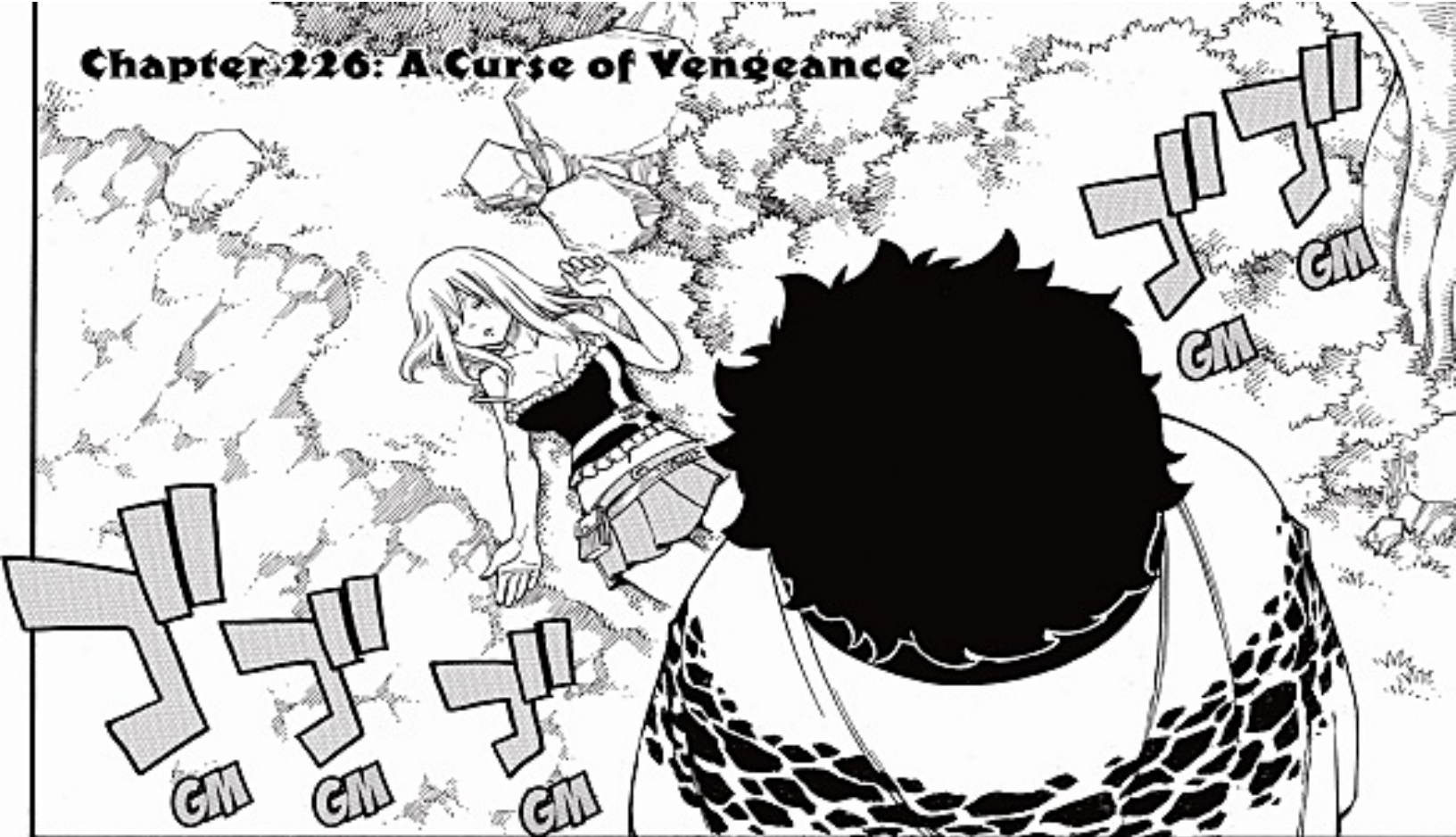


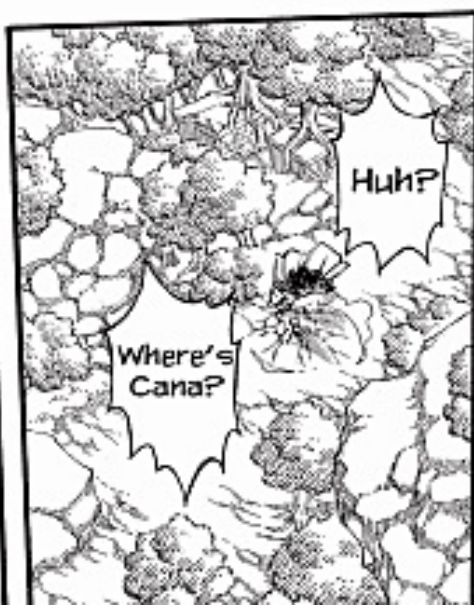


FAIRYTAIL



Chapter 226: A Curse of Vengeance





When did I get separated from Cana...? And... was I asleep?

What do I do...?!
I don't know what's going on!!

You will die right here and now!

HA HA HA

Still, I have to do something about this guy!

WUM
777 777

Fu-Fum!
Fum!
Fum!

It doesn't matter how strong your enemies are.

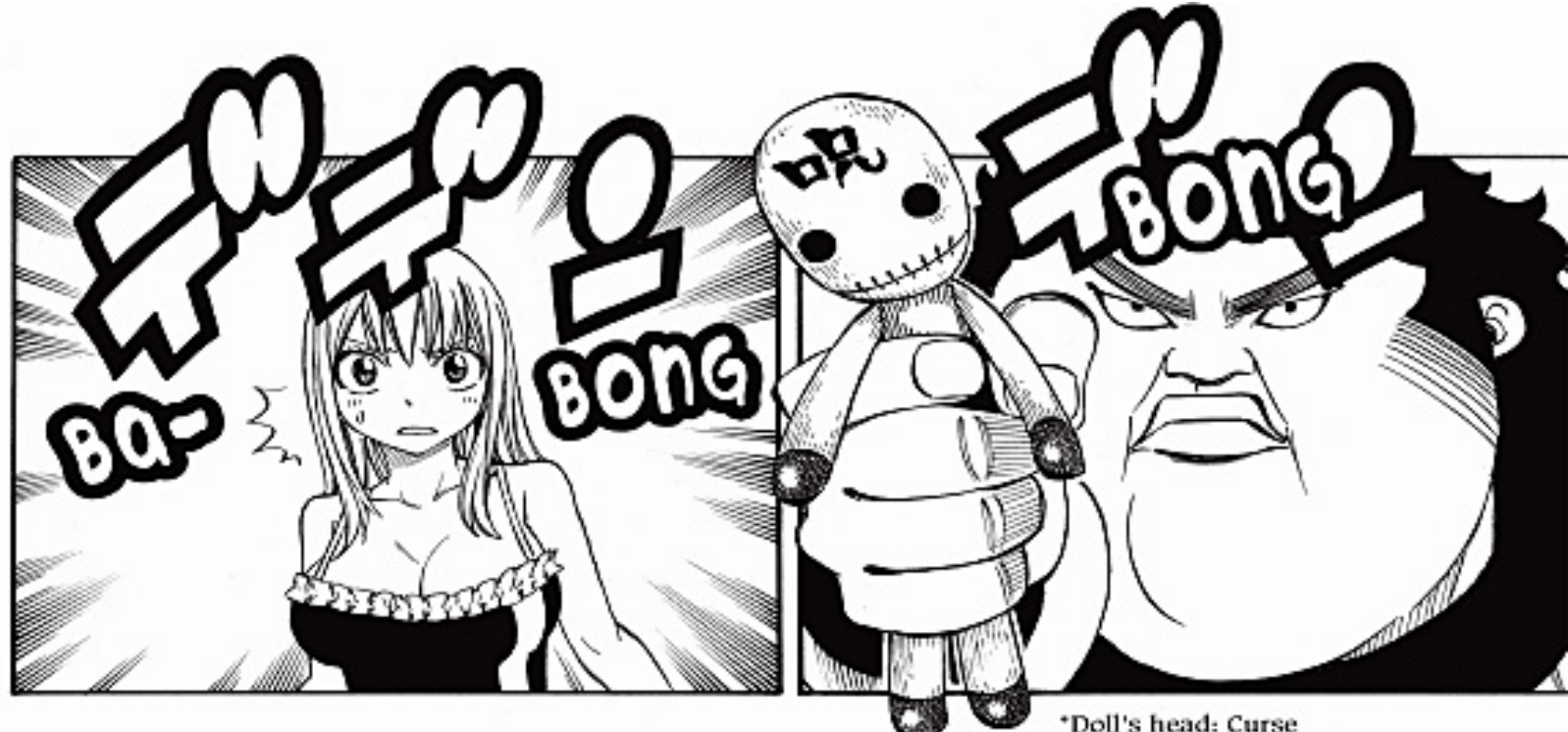
I'm really strong!

S-S-S-Since I'm Kain Hikaru of the Seven Kin of Purgatory in Grimoire Heart!

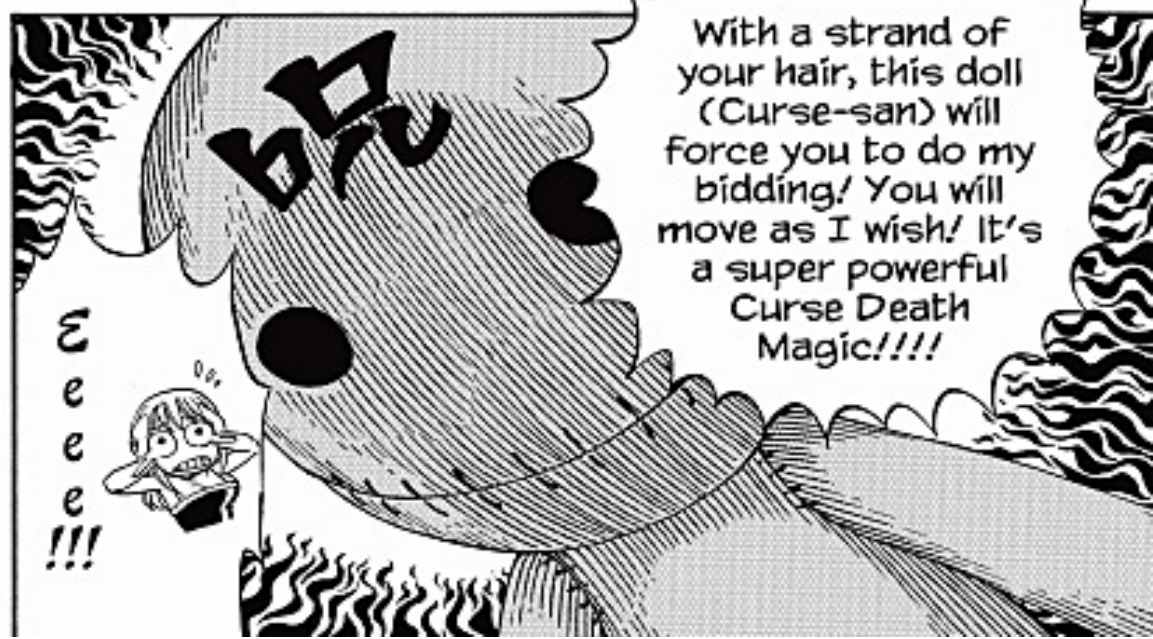
Y-Y-Y-You can glare at me all you want, but it won't do any good!

SHF
777 777

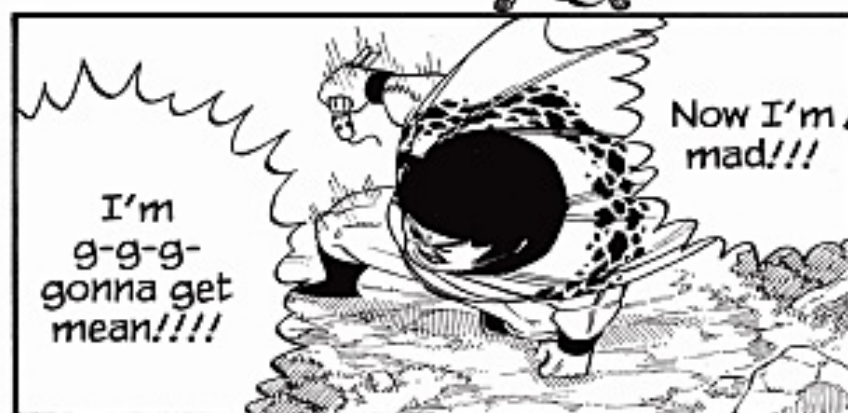
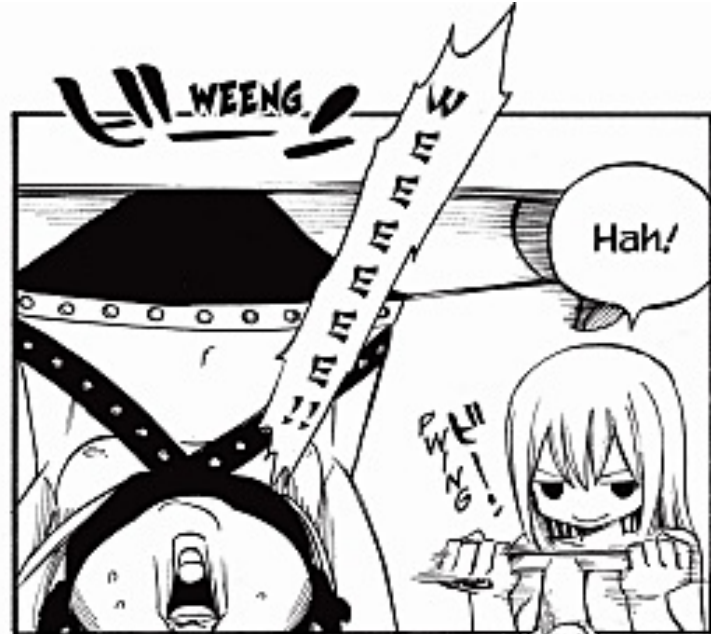




*Doll's head: Curse









Open,
Gate of
the Bovine
Palace!
Taurus
!!!



Do-
Doskoí
!!!!



He
defeated me
with physical
strength
...?!

I think he's even stronger when he *isn't* using magic!

Waaaaait!!!

EEEEEEK

Understood and obeyed!

Aim for his feet!! Fire!!!

Moshi-moshi!

OPEN! GATE OF THE MAN-HORSE PALACE! SAGITTARIUS!!!!

Da-Das Turn!

No...

He
bounced
them
back
...?!!

BOOM!!



O-Open!!
Gate
of the
Scorpion
Palace...

Do-
Doskoi!

Ow...

WHUD!!





N-Nothing
works on
him!



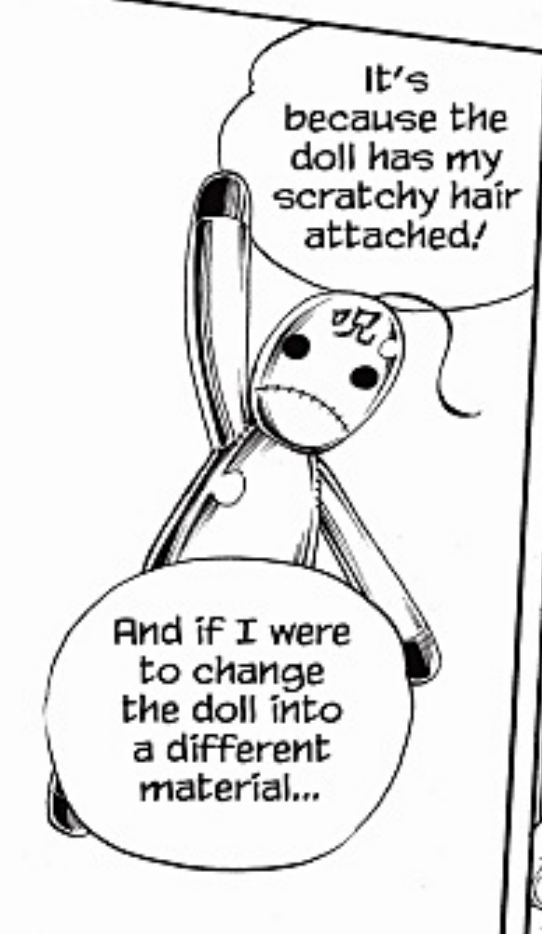
Impossible!!
My sand...



PWAA



What's
with this
guy?!



It's
because the
doll has my
scratchy hair
attached!

And if I were
to change
the doll into
a different
material...



GAHH!

UWAAH
!!

KABOOOM!

Do-
Doskoí
!!!!



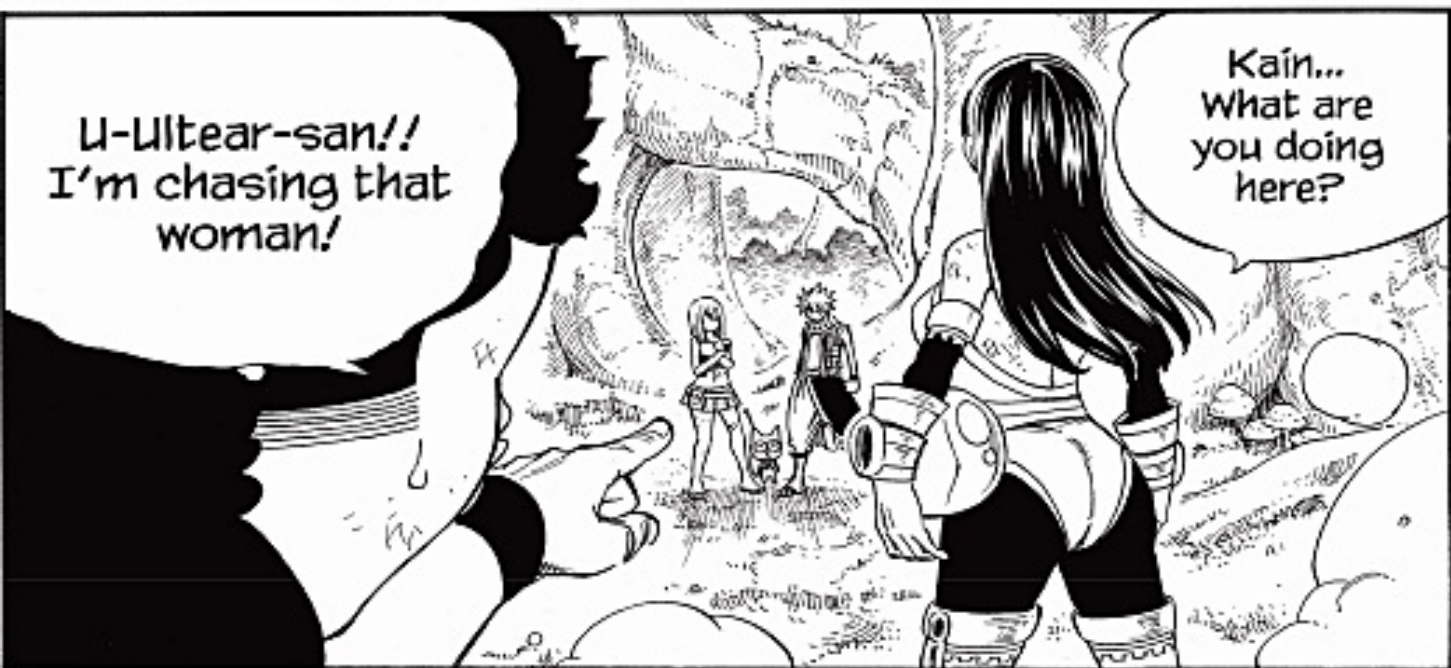






OUT-TA
THE
WAY
!!!!

POW!!







Let's go,
Natsu!!!!

Let's go,
Lucy!!!!



I can't
stand it!

L-L-L-L-L-L-
Look at them
get all lovey-
dovey!



Chapter 227: Lucy Fire



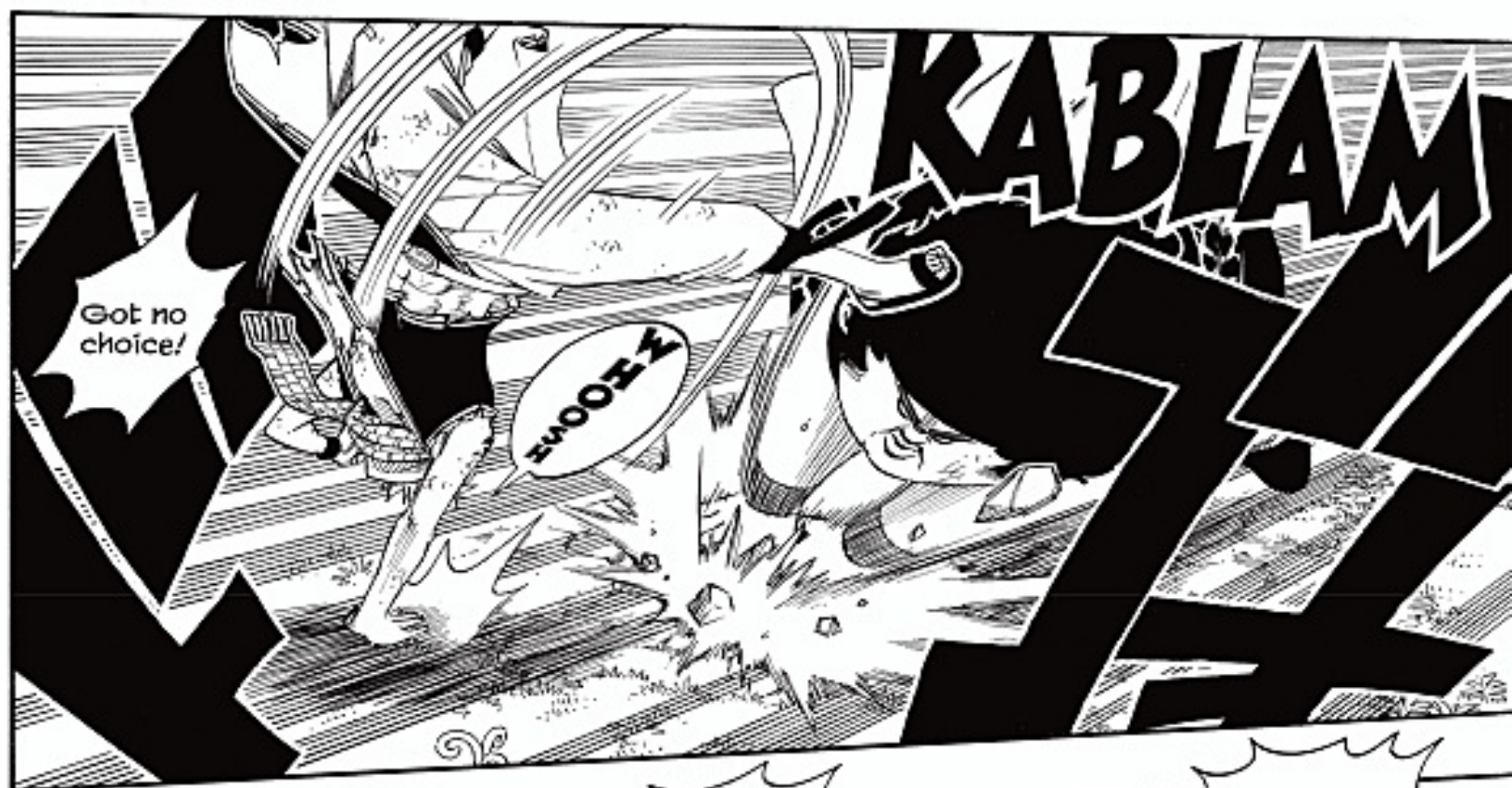




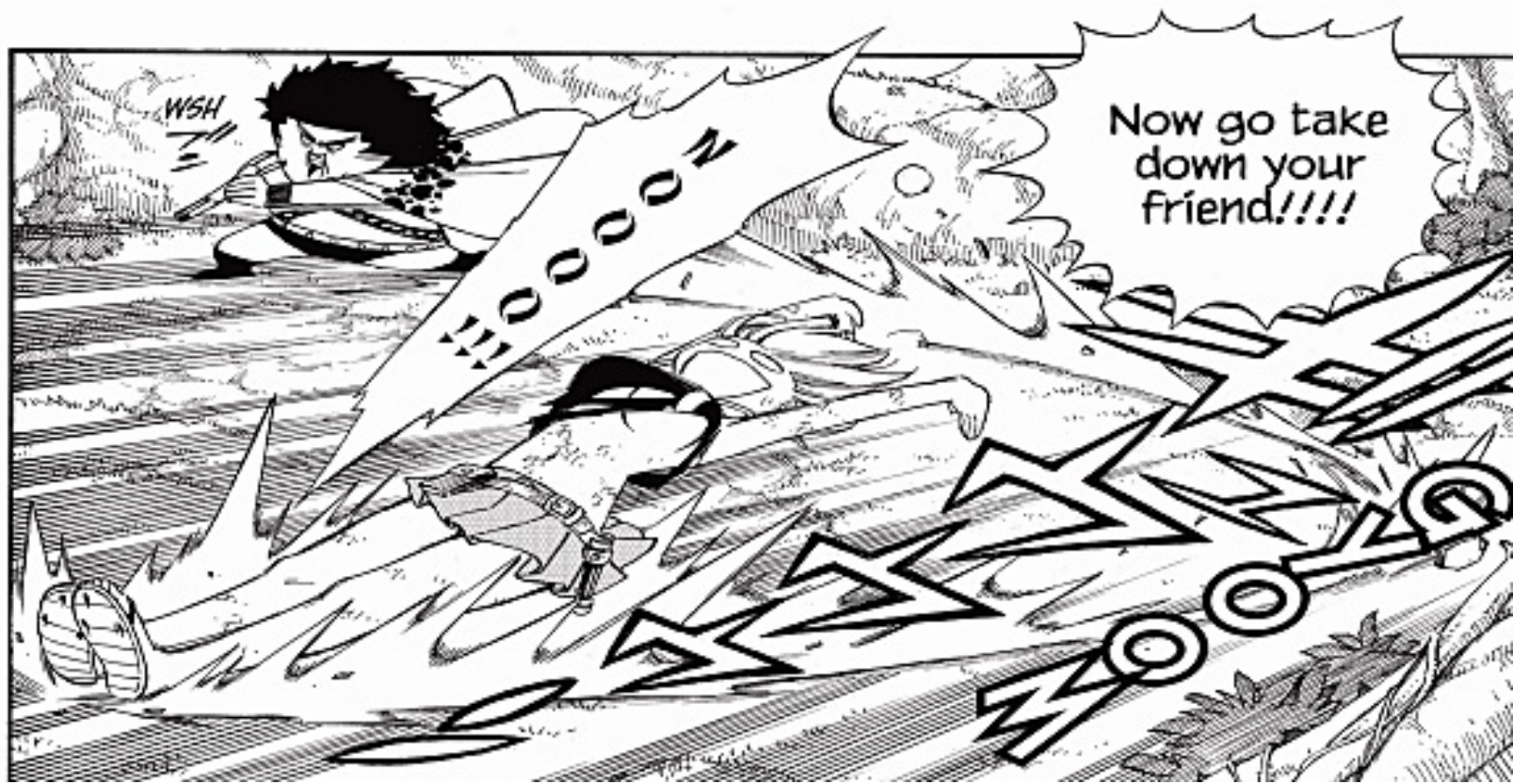
Wow
e h h
!!!!



Never let up
on them!
Understand?









A close-up of a character with a wide, toothy grin and sweat drops on their face. The character has long, light-colored hair and is looking towards the right. The image is a black and white manga-style illustration.

A black and white manga panel depicting a physical struggle between two characters. On the left, a girl with long, light-colored hair and a dark top is shown in a dynamic, slightly crouched position, looking towards the right with a pained or distressed expression. On the right, a boy with spiky, light-colored hair and a dark shirt is grabbing her from behind, his face contorted in a grimace. The background is filled with radiating lines, suggesting a moment of high tension or action. There are three text elements: a large sound effect 'GSH' with stylized Japanese characters below it at the top center; a speech bubble on the left containing 'Ahh!'; and a speech bubble on the right containing 'Stop moving!!'.

This is more trouble than I figured.

I'm sorry!
I'm sorry!

Quit cuddling like that!!!!

Wh-Wh-Wh-What are you two doing?!!

GRN
GRN
GRN

Natsu!!
Lucy!! I
stole the
doll!!

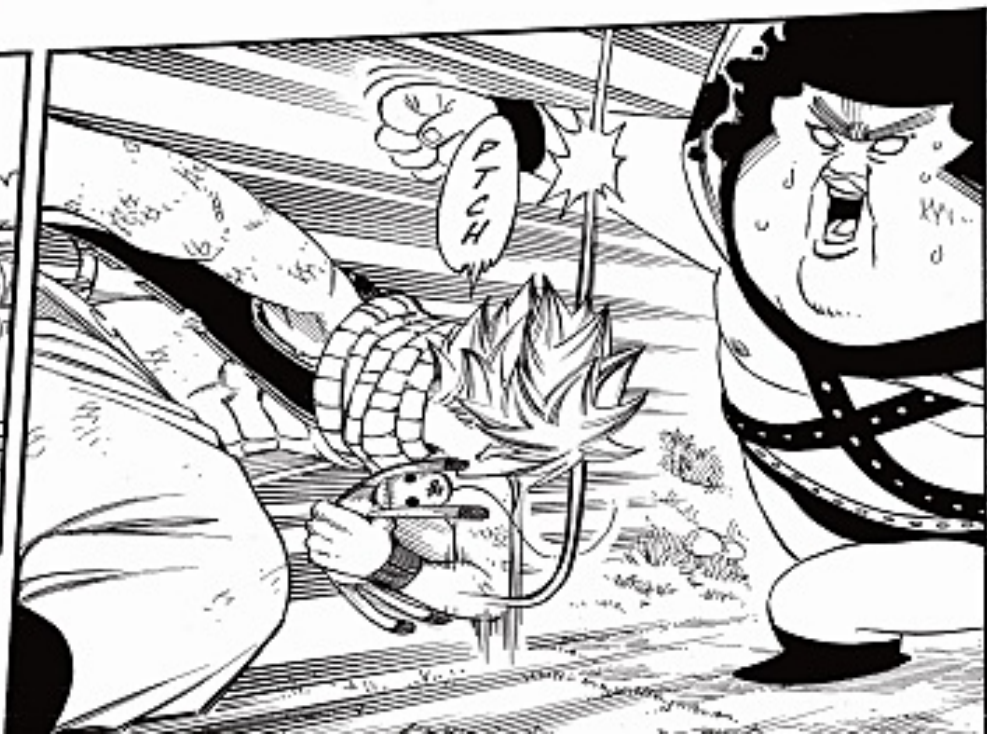
Huh?!!

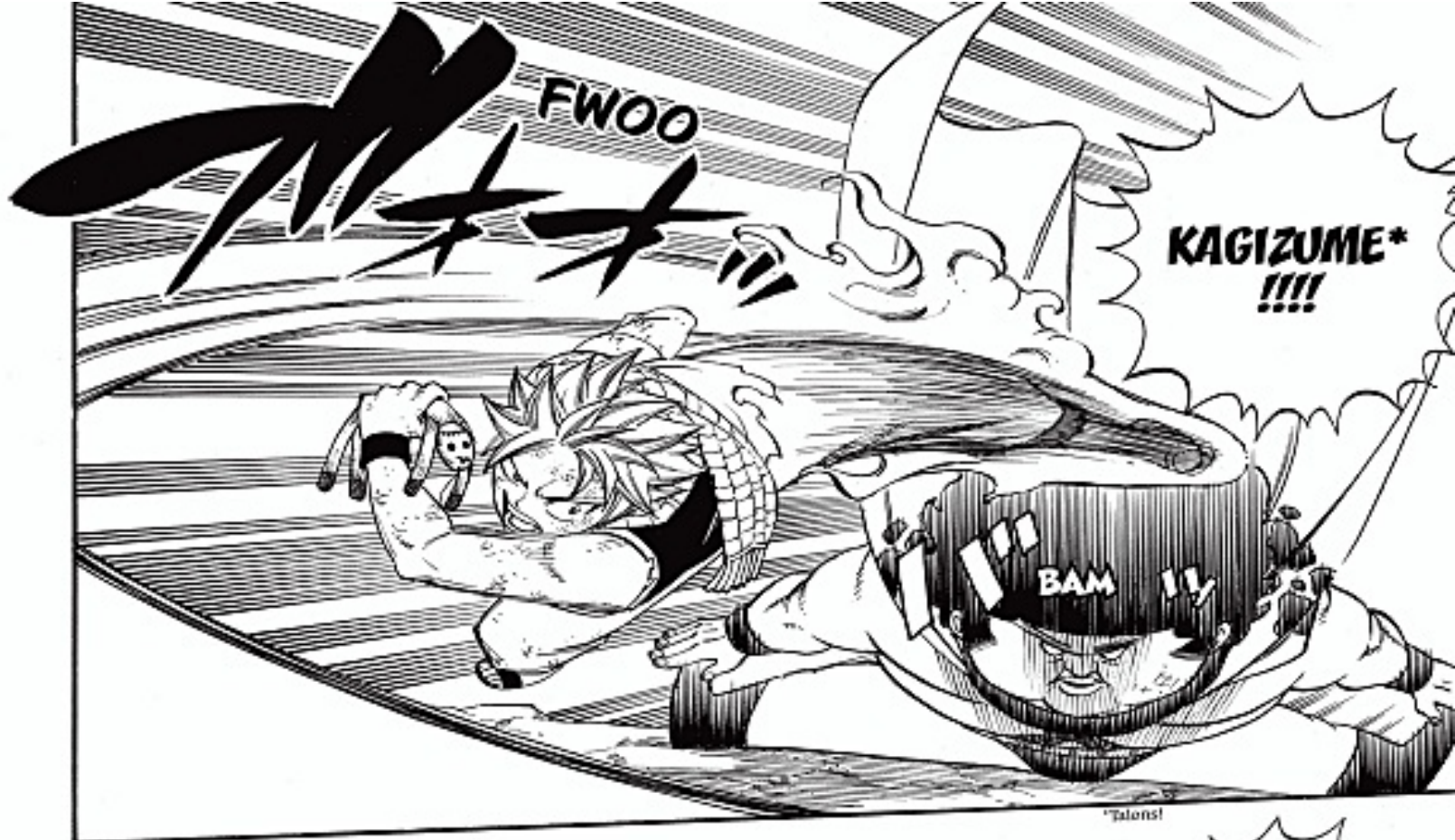
BONG!

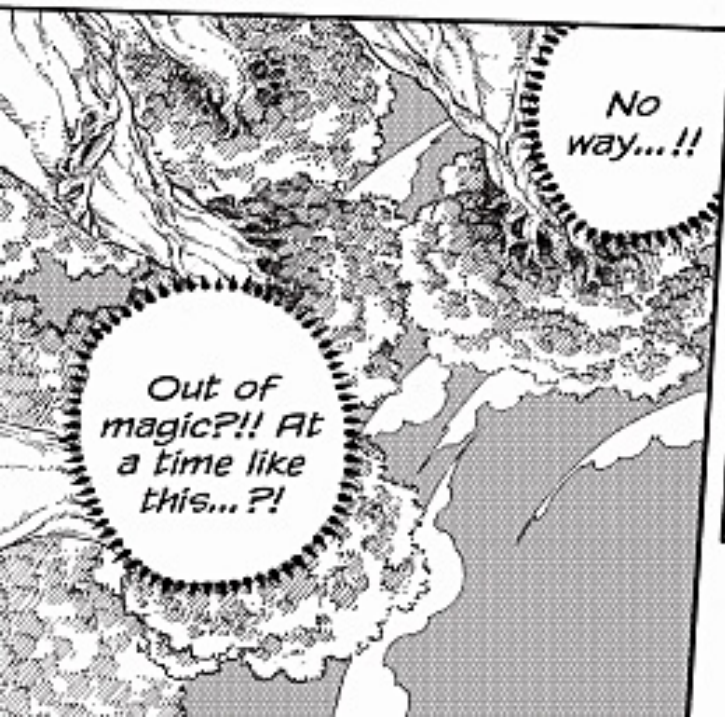
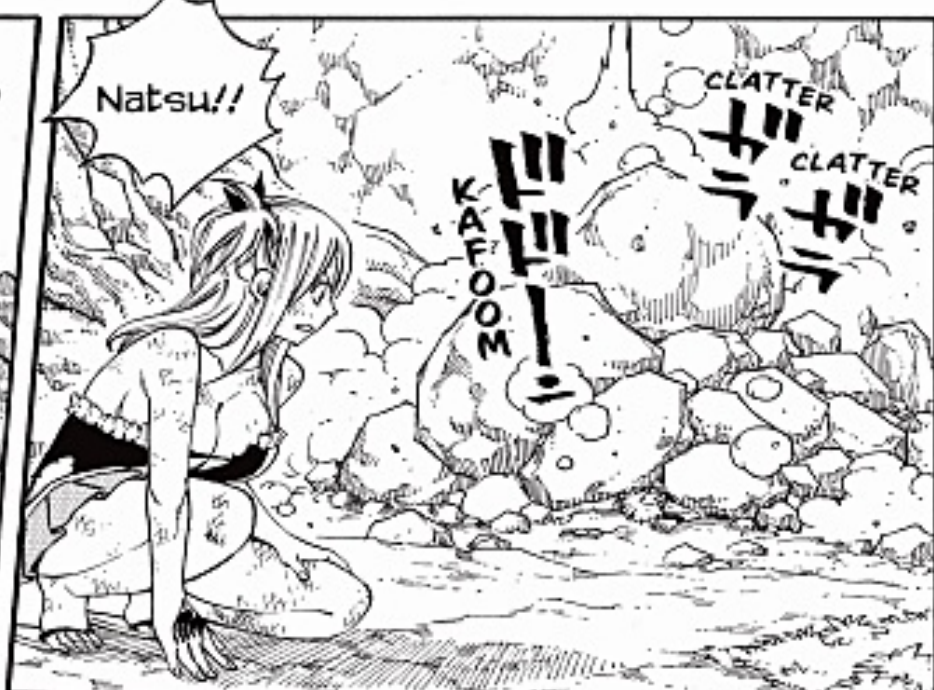
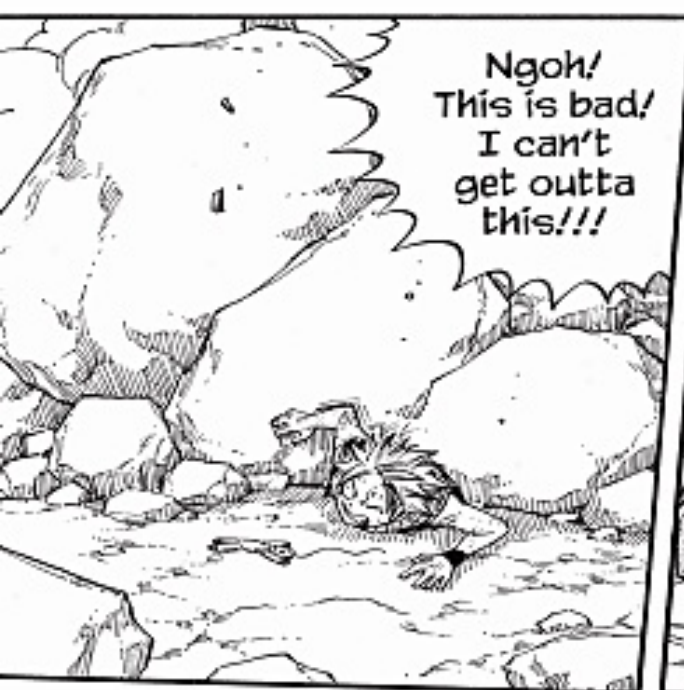
Natsu!!
Lucy!! I
stole the
doll!!

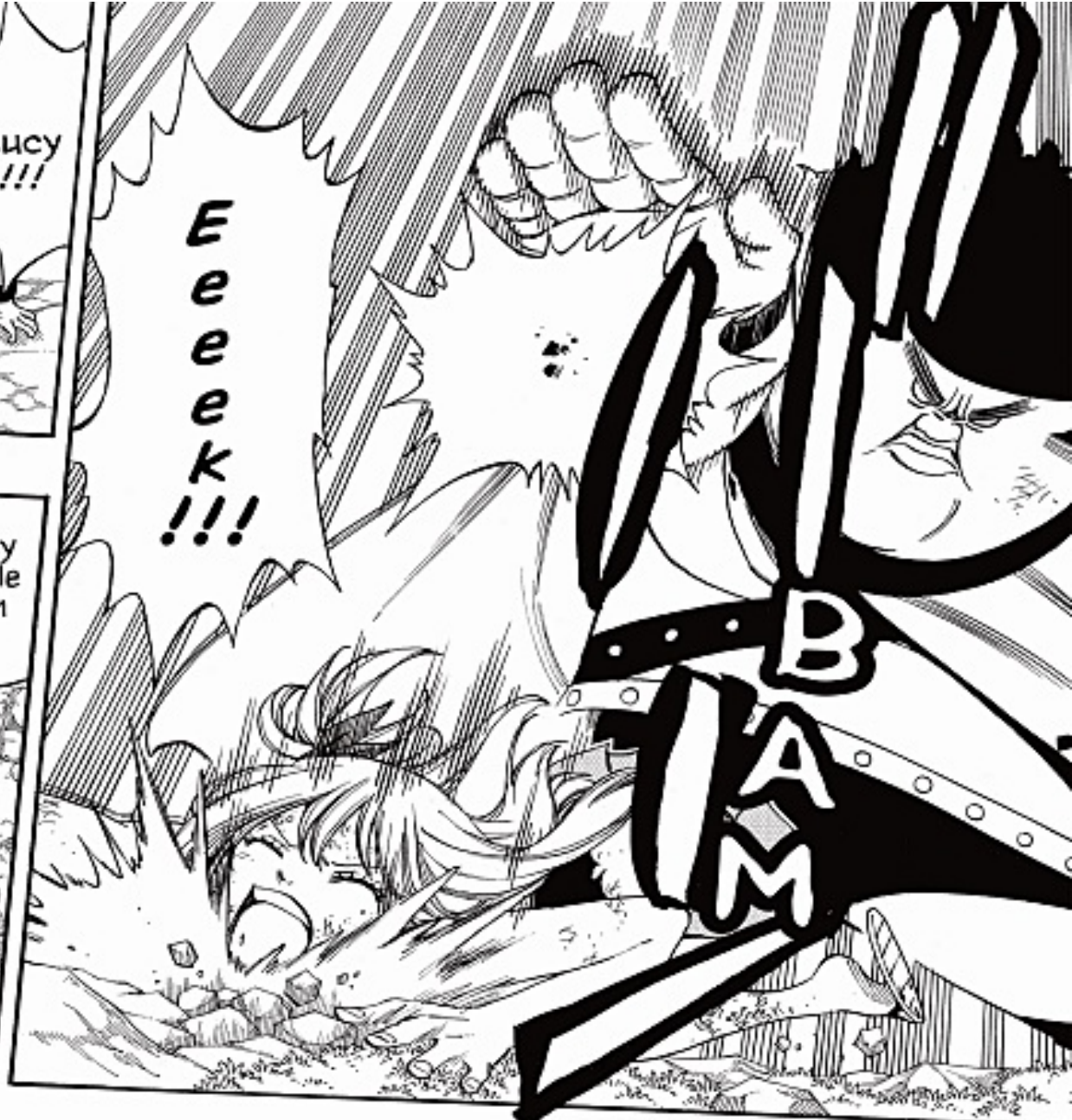
Huh?!!

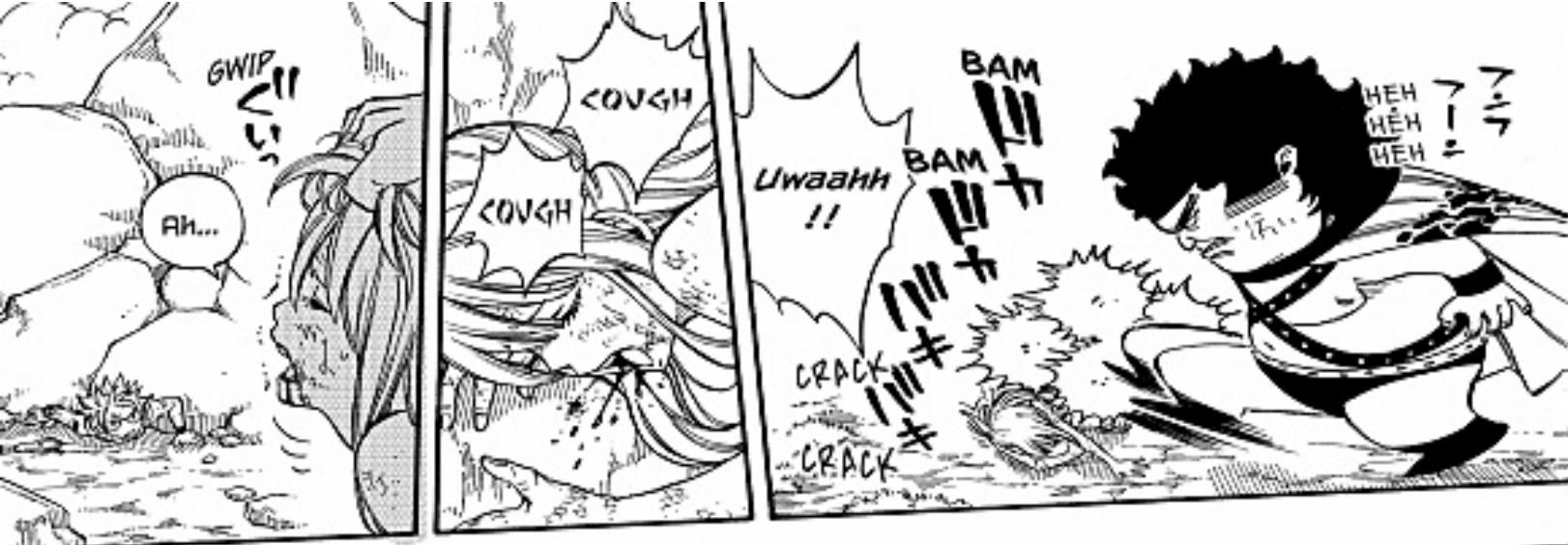
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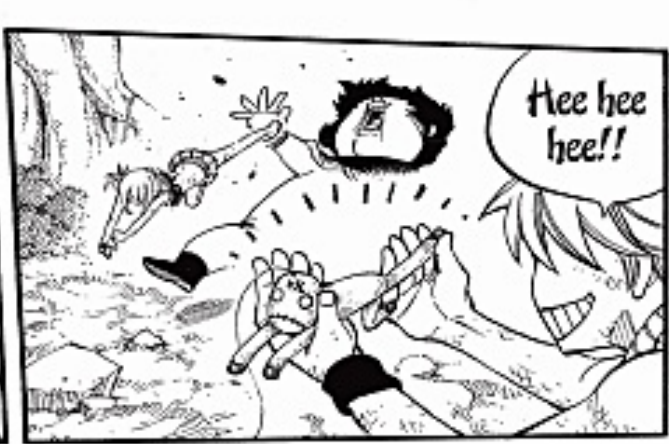
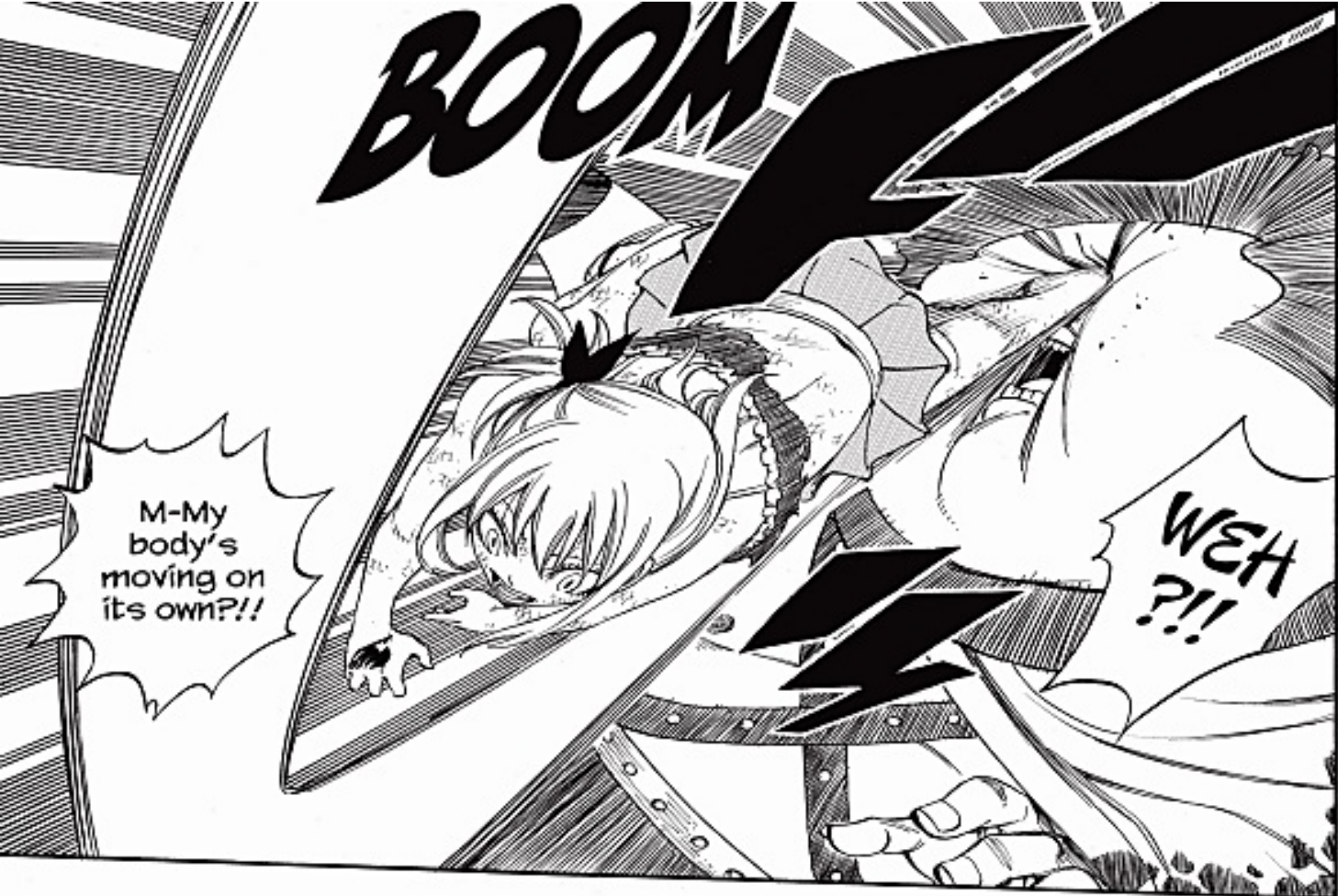














What's cartilage? Does it taste good?

N-Natsu... Remember that I've got cartilage, okay?!!

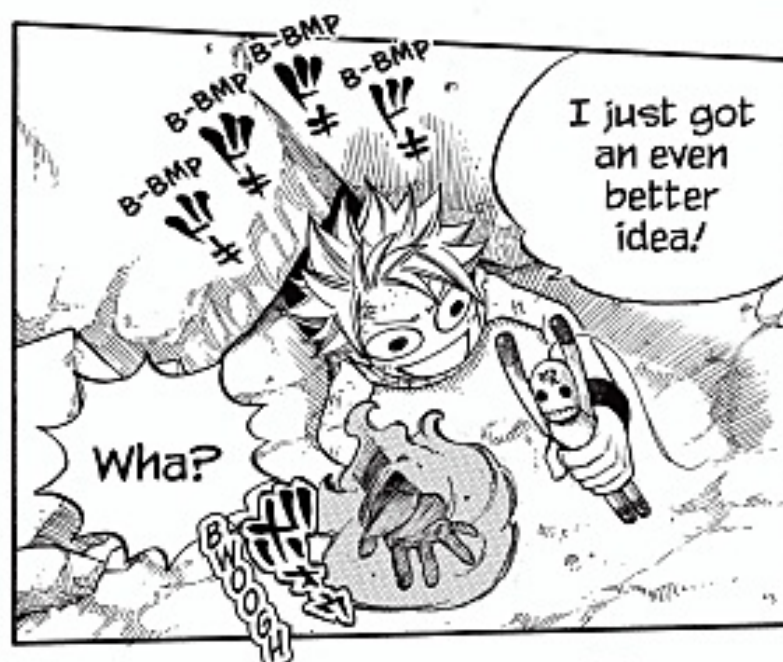


Ha ha ha ha!!! I can make her move however I want!!! It's the strongest Lucy ever!!!!



Dodge it, Lucy!!!

You're bending me too much!!!!



I just got an even better idea!

Wha?



Hey!!!

I think I may be able to do this!!



NO WAY!!

...
TEKKEN*!
♡



*Fire Dragon's...

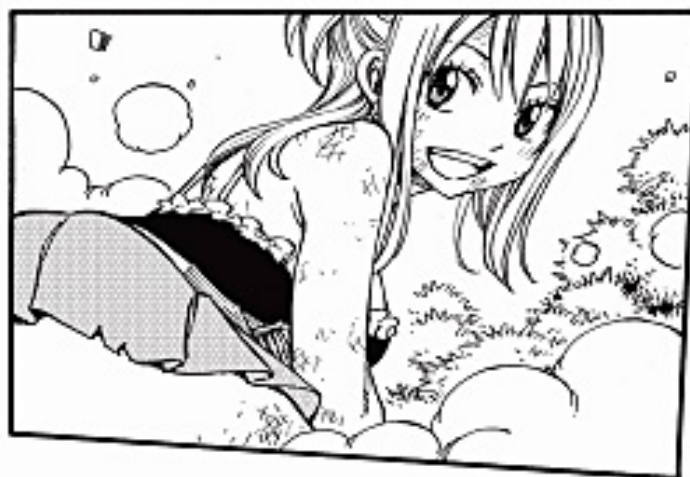
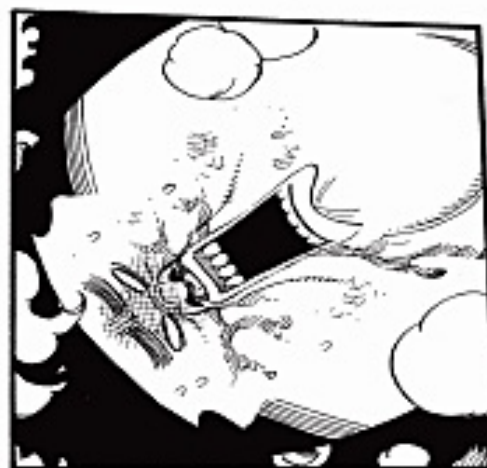
Karyû
no*...

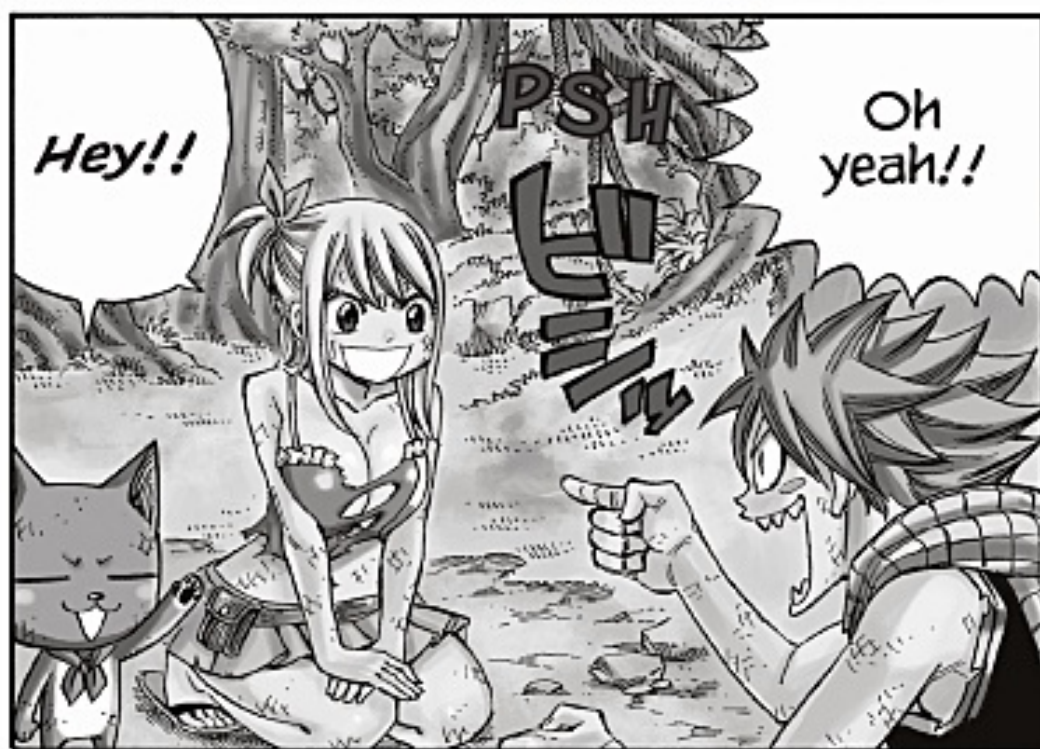
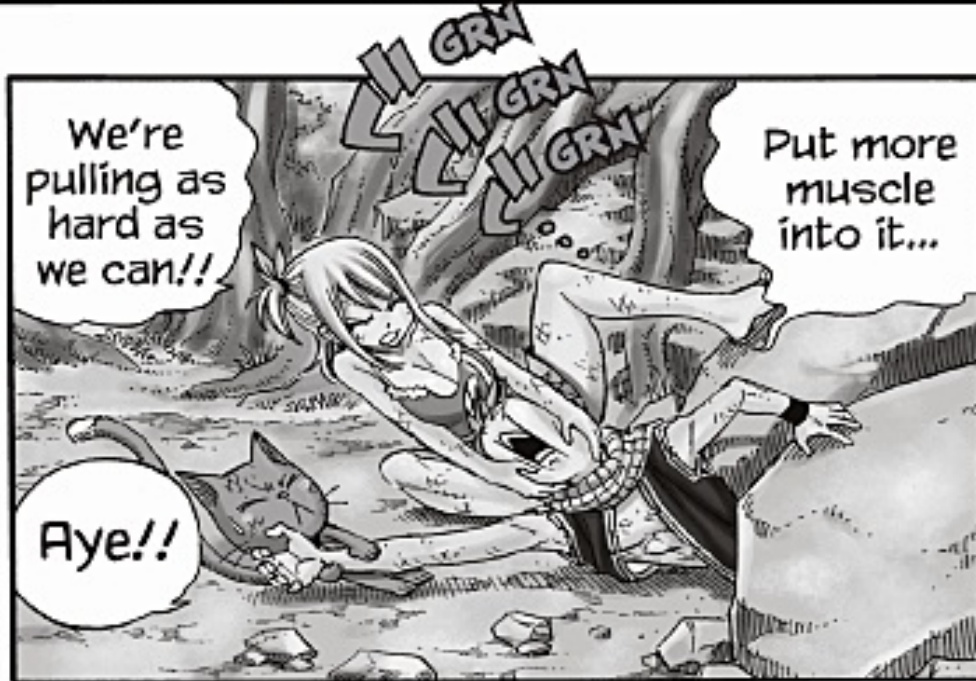
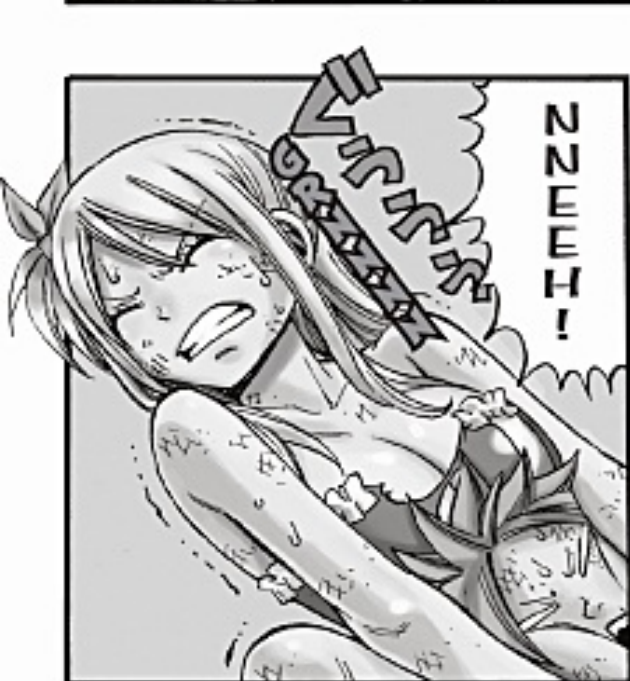
Hey—



**LUCY
FIRE
!!!!!!**

FOOM

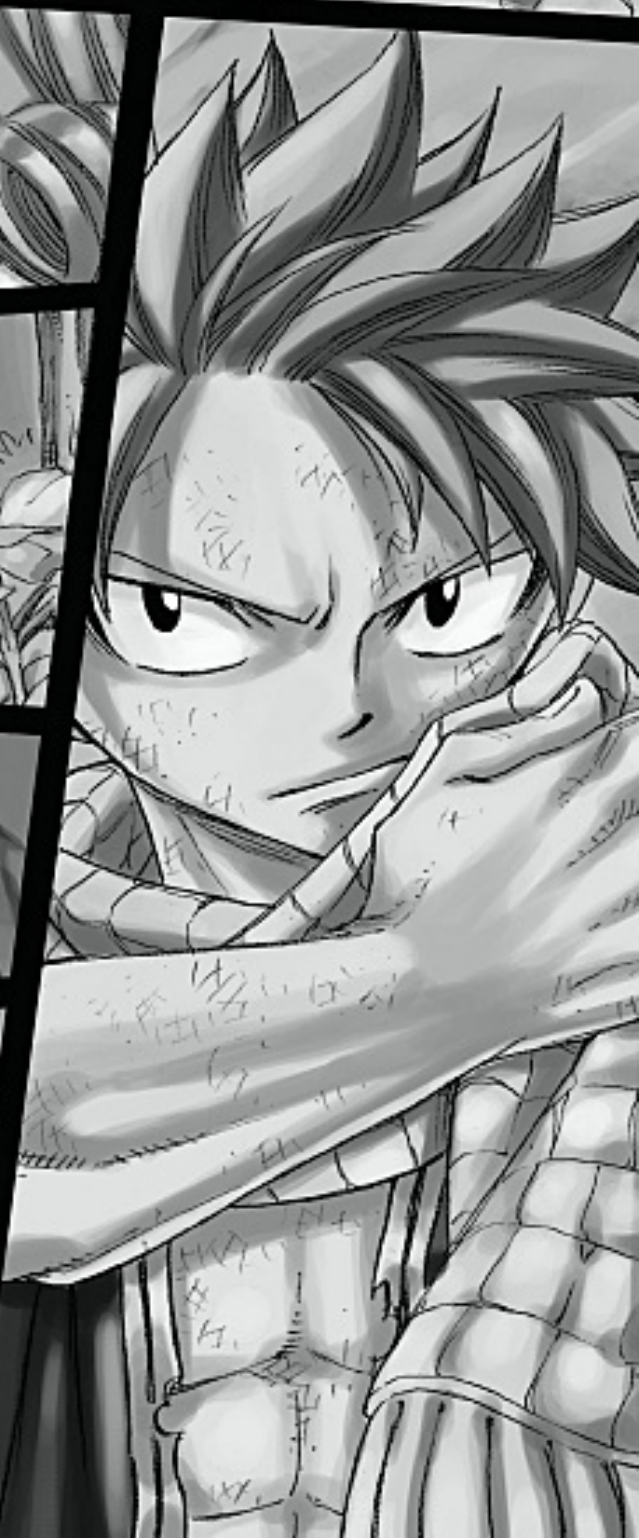
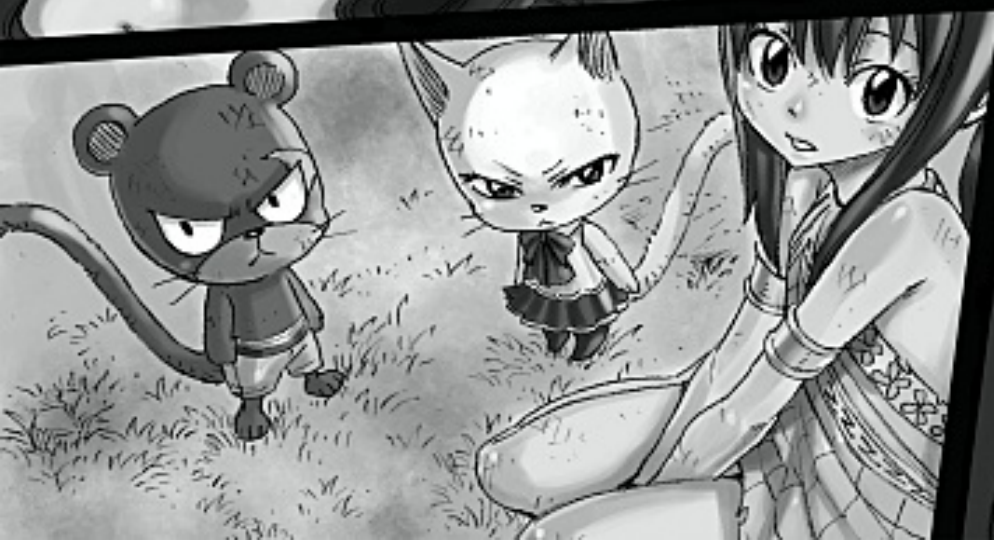
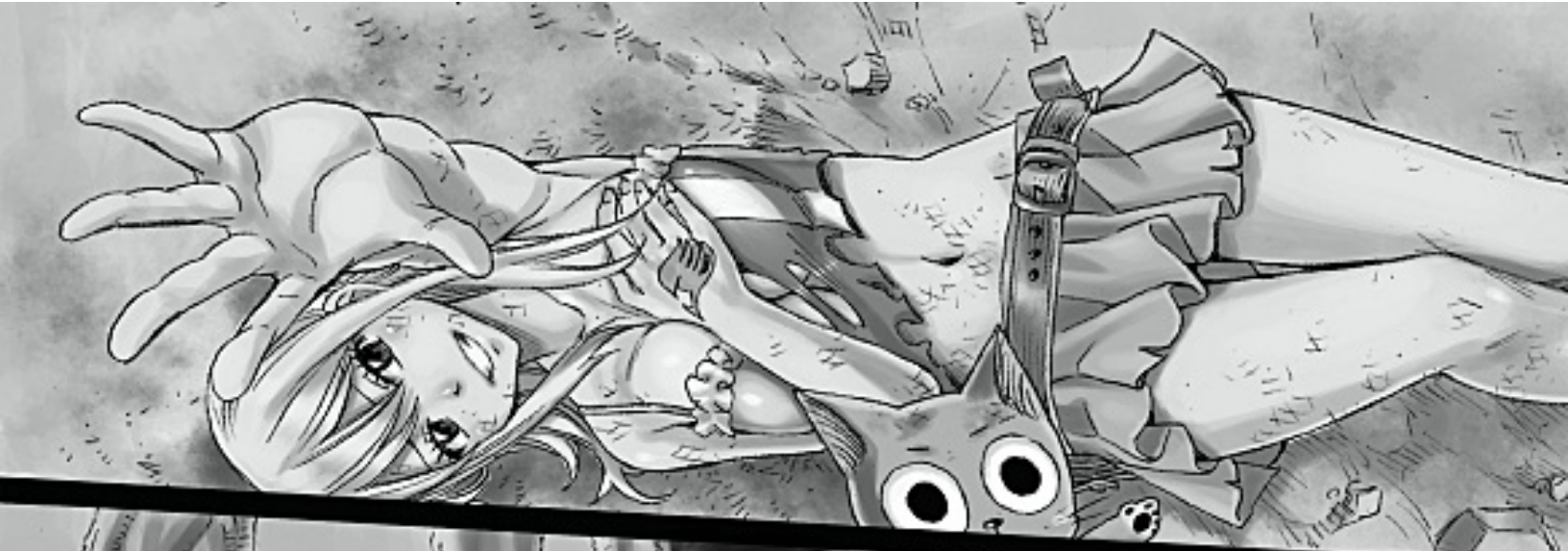






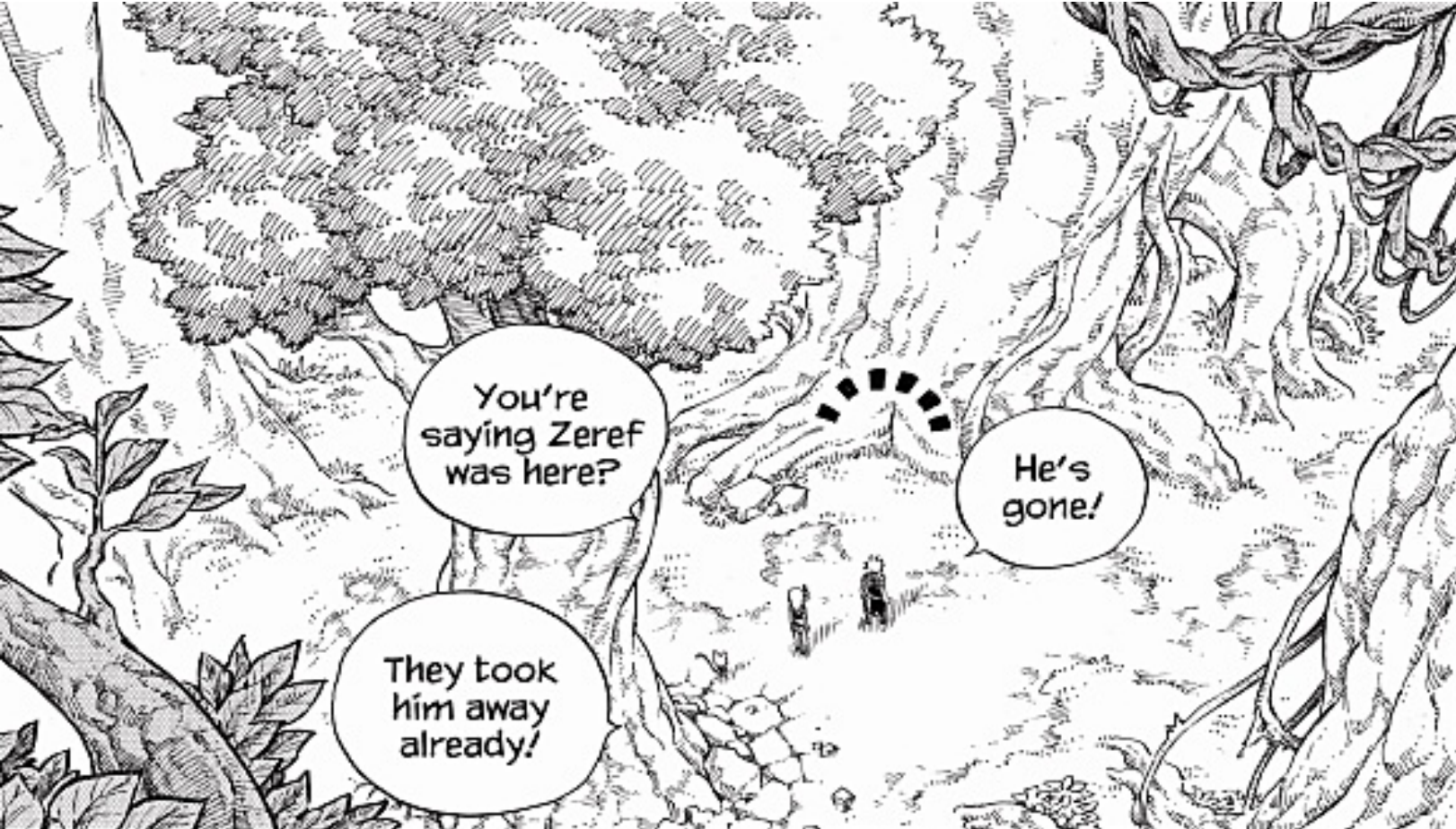
Chapter 228: Rain Soaked the 13th Woman



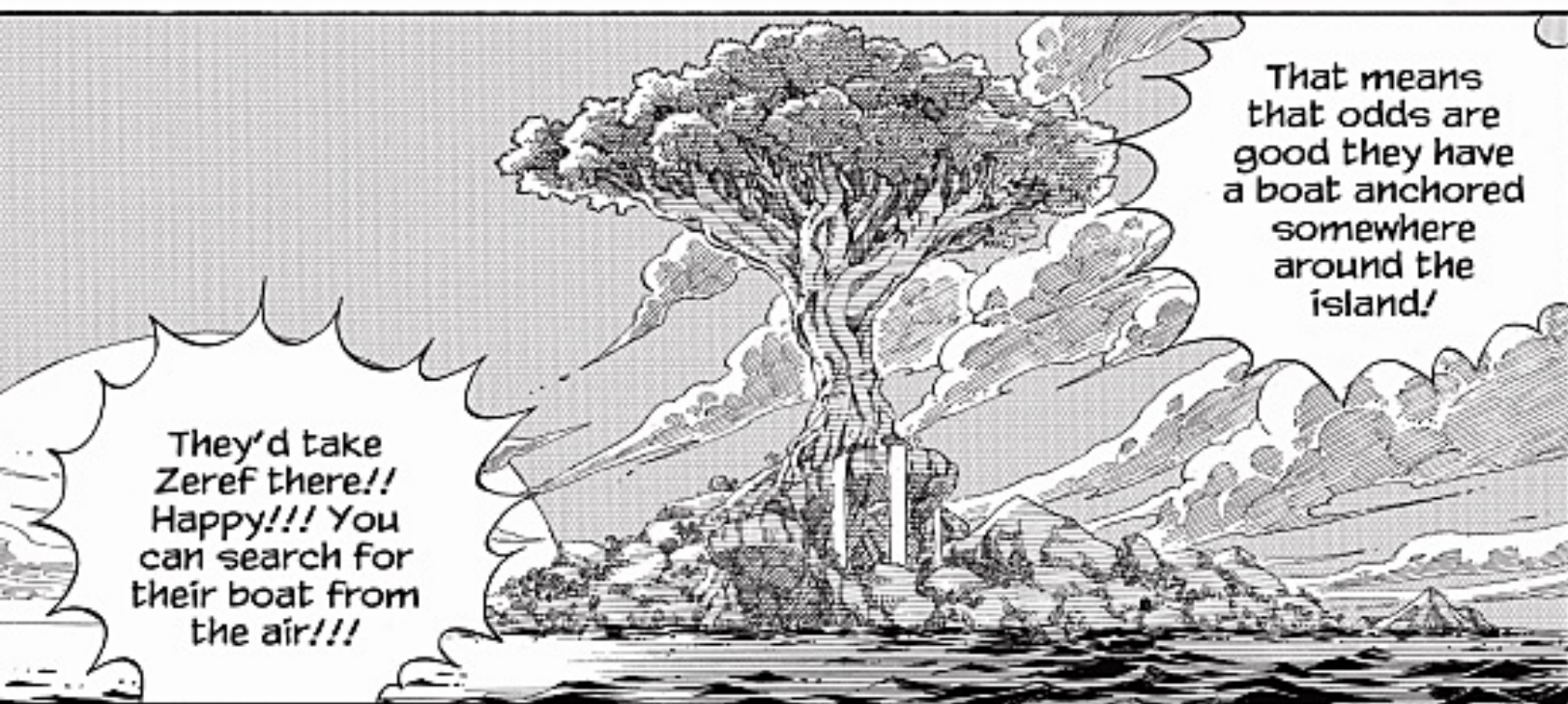
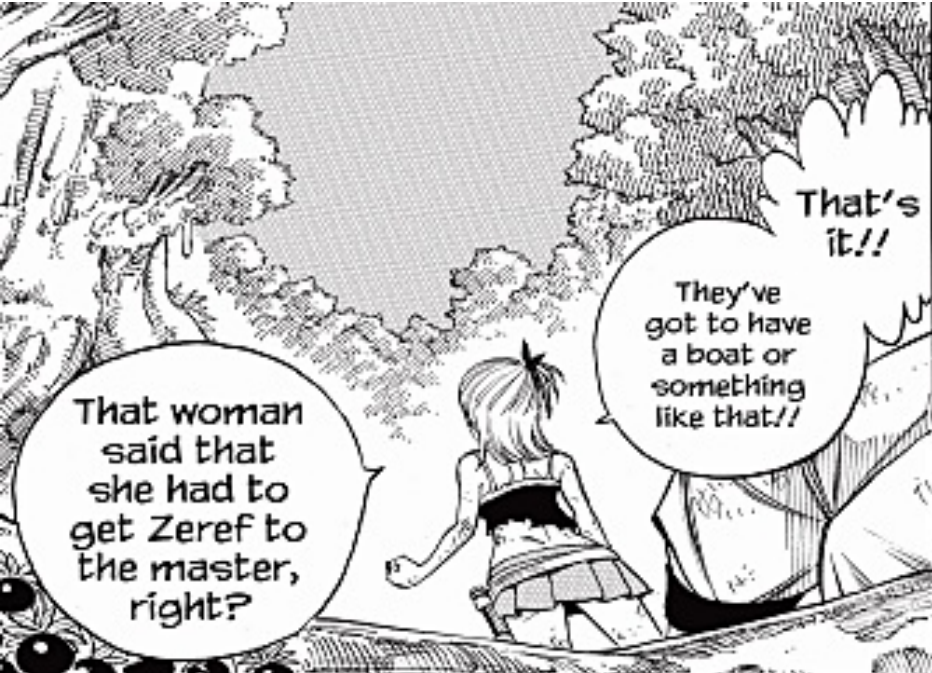




A rejected splash page. It just couldn't seem to get the patterns on the clothing to look right.







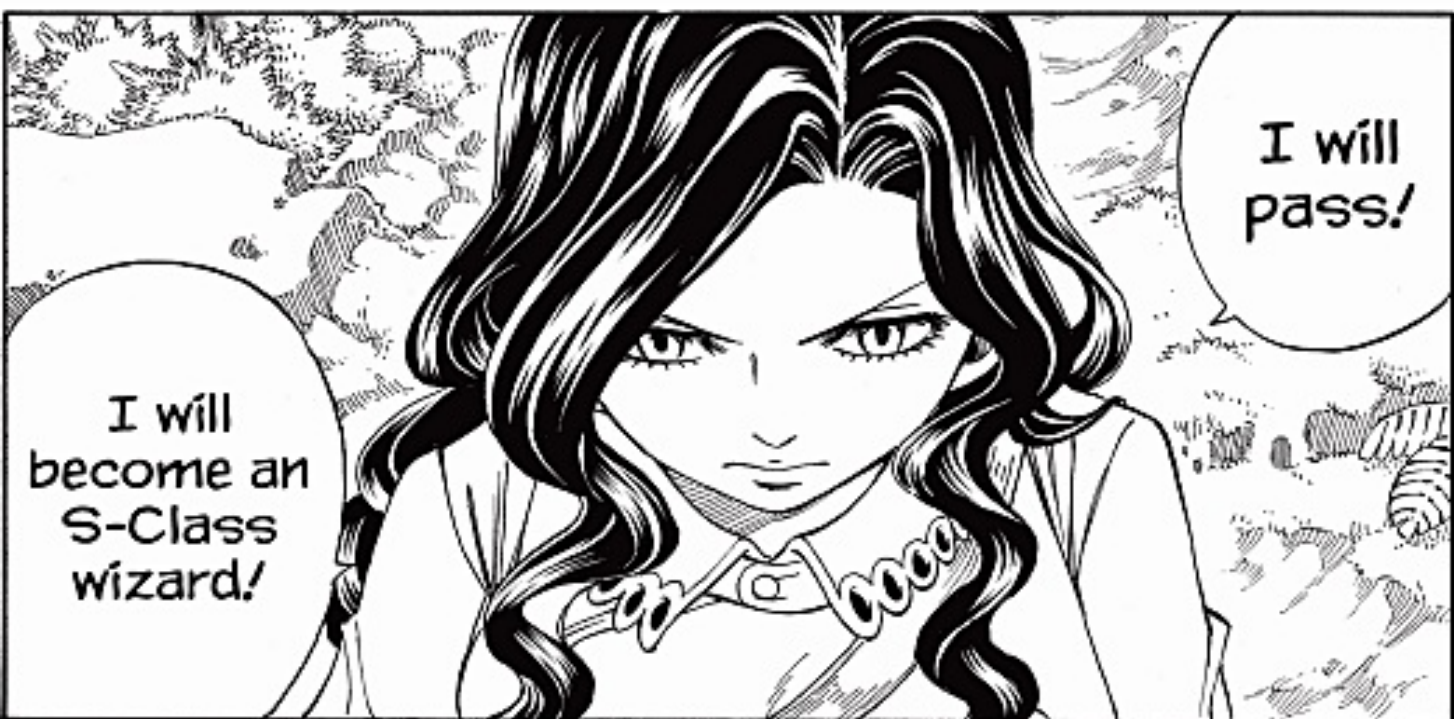


First
test
course,
Route
E...



I'll be the
first one
there...

This is where
the grave of
Mavis, the first
master of Fairy
Tail, should be.



I will
become an
S-Class
wizard!

I will
pass!



*I'll become
an S-Class
Wizard!*

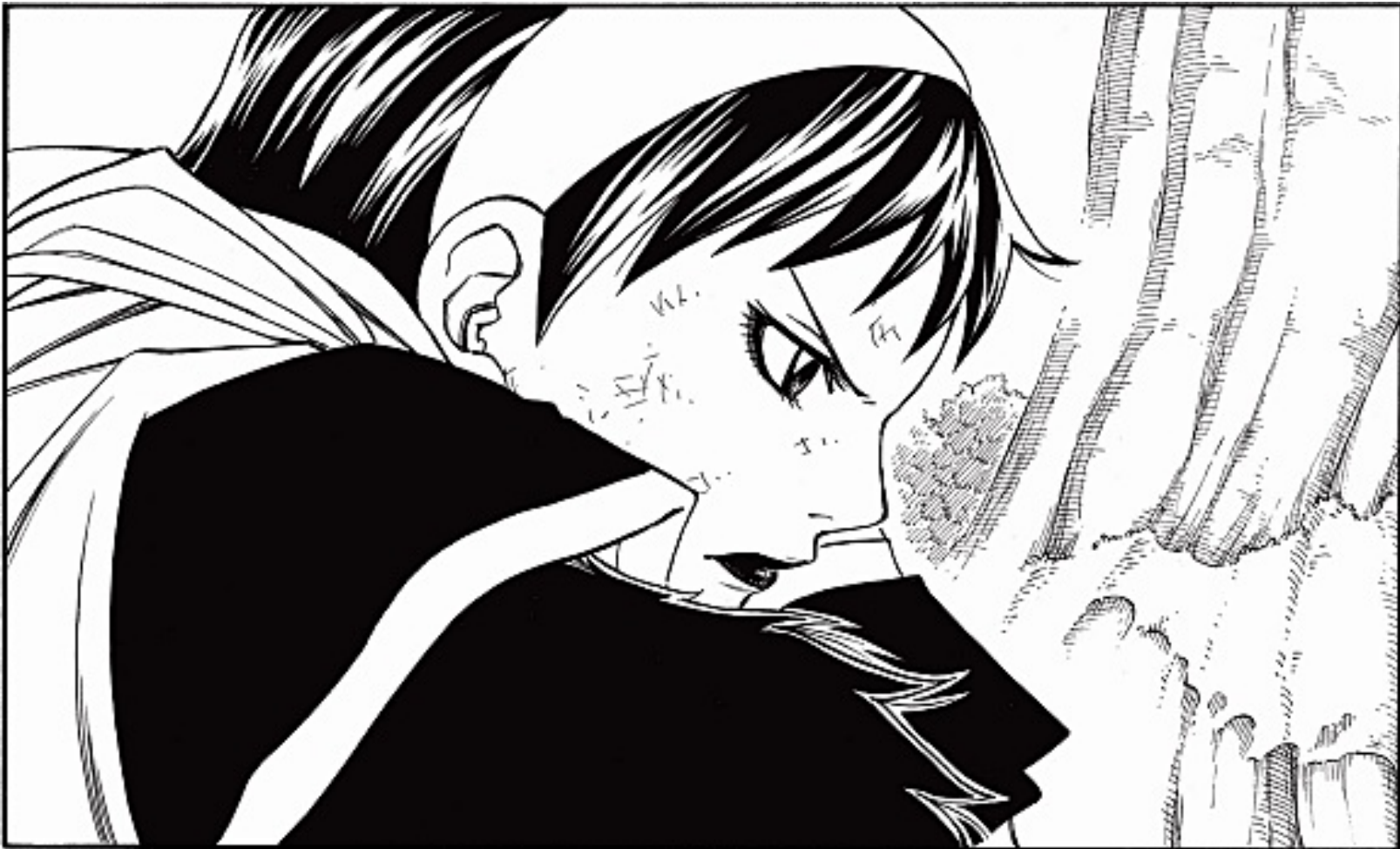
*So I can
face him...*

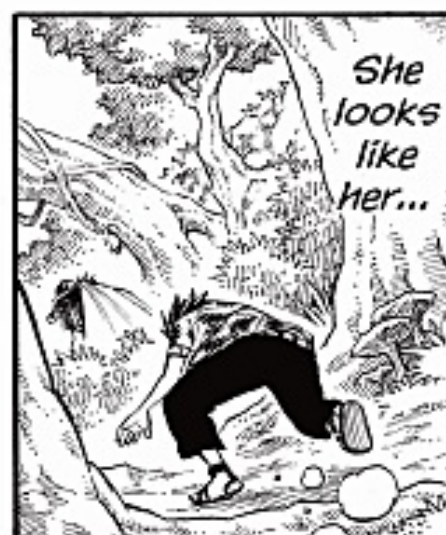
*So I can
tell him...*

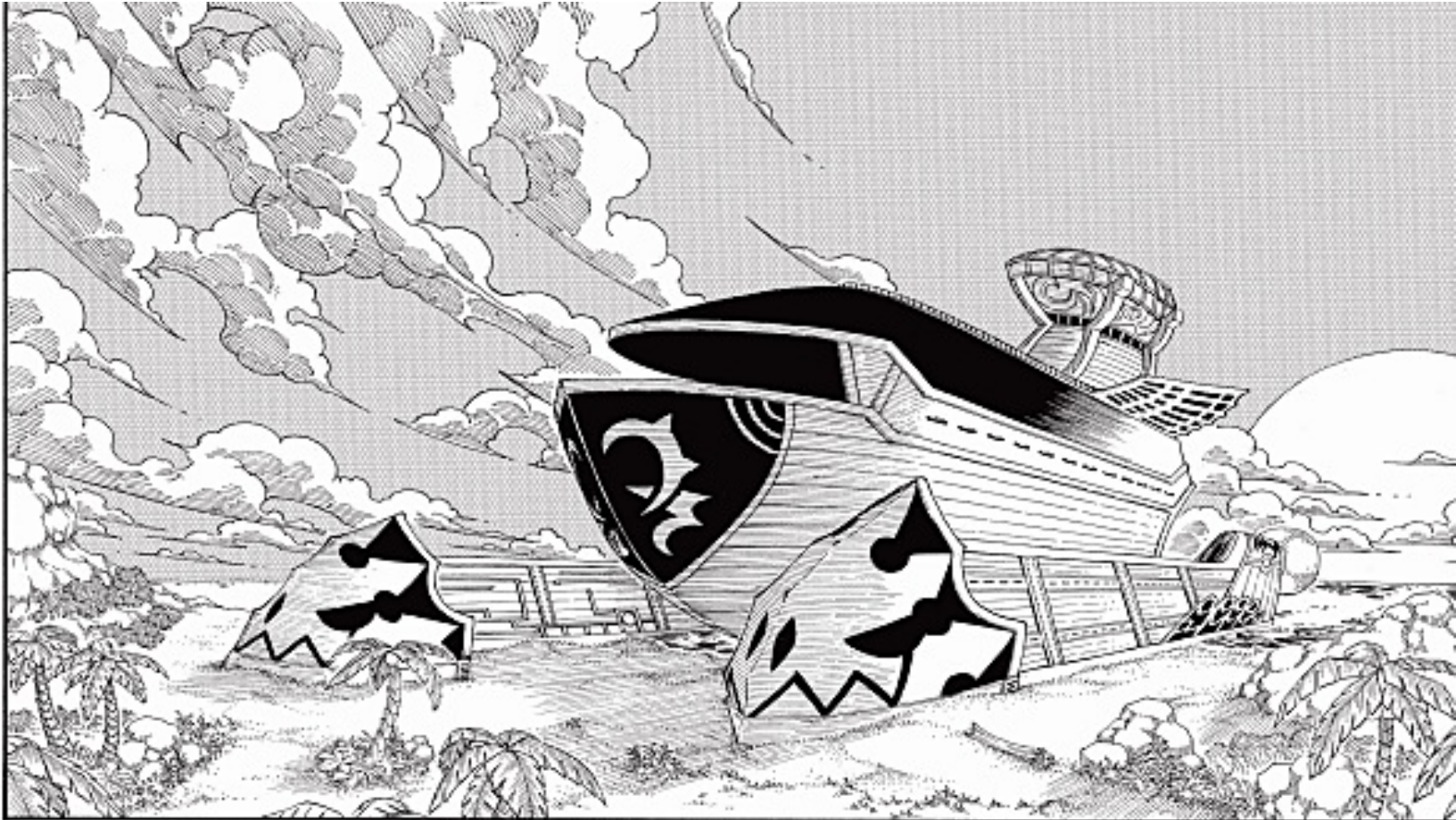


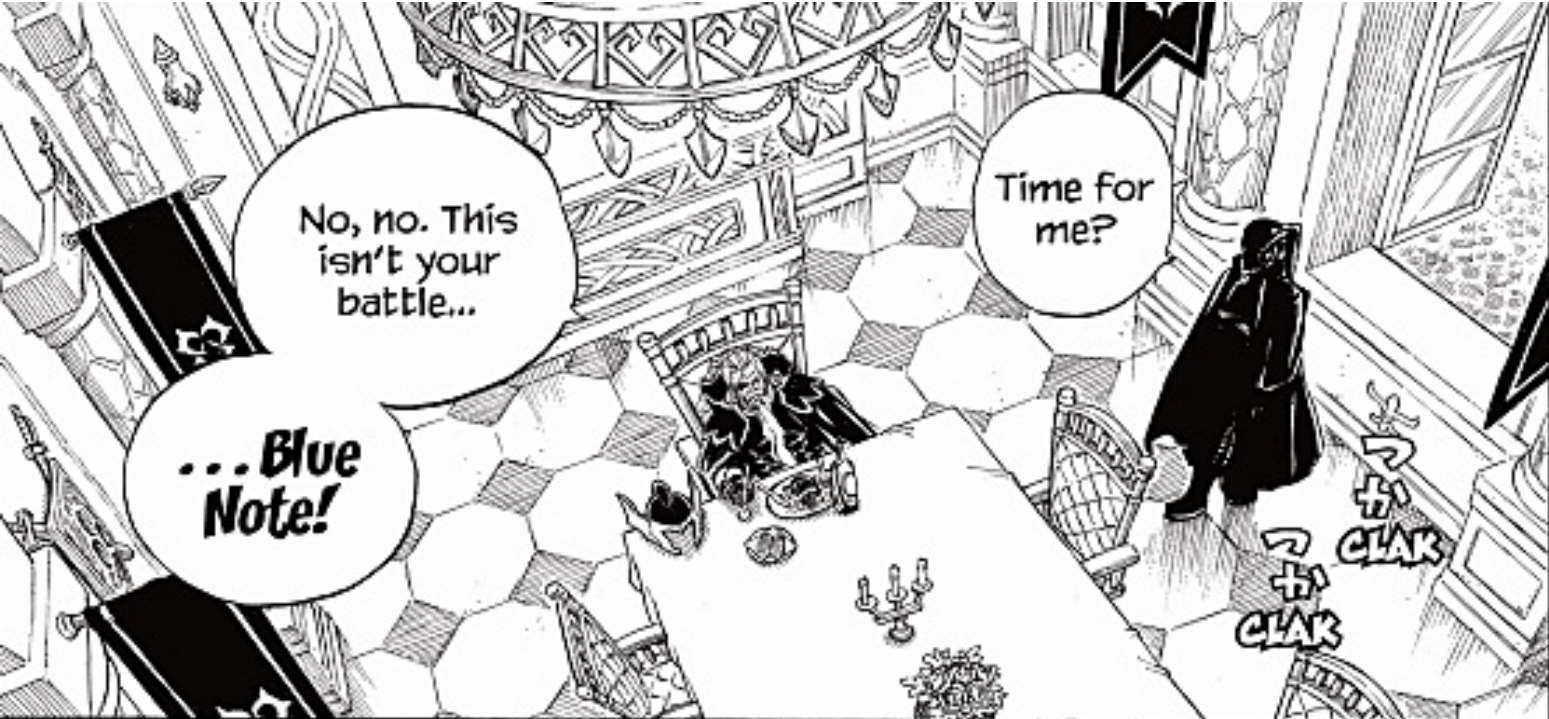










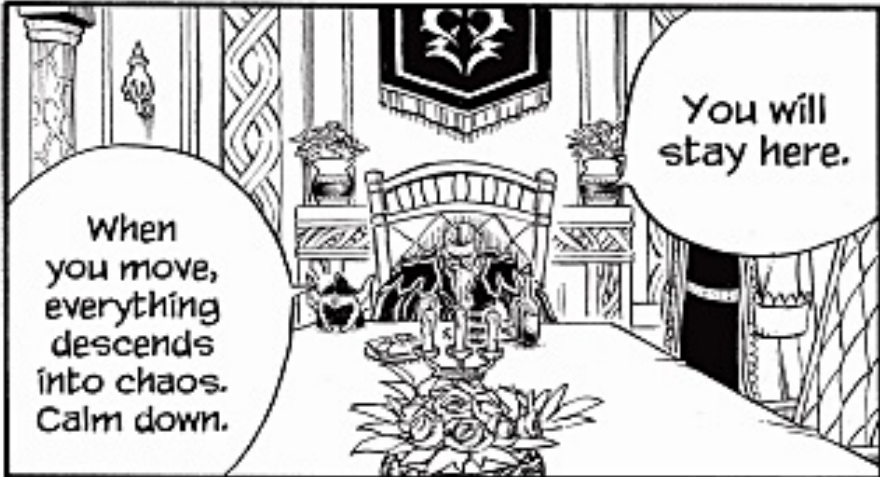






Unaware
that they're
stepping into
the devil's
mouth!

Leave it
exposed.
Makarov's
children
will gather
here...



When
you move,
everything
descends
into chaos.
Calm down.

You will
stay here.



I'd
rather
go out
and
eat!

You're
saying we
have to wait
for the prey
to be put in
our mouths?



I feel like
I could
fly today!

Tsk!

Only four of
the Seven Kin
left. About
half.

If one
more goes
down, I go
out!



The one who
took out Lt.
Col. Gōra's Blue
Dragon Corps all
by himself during
the Cabria War.

What?!
Blue Note
Stinger?!



...is in
Grimoire
Heart
...?!

A
monster
like
that...



They say
he's a great
wizard who
doesn't even
leave weeds
alive on the
paths he
walks.



It isn't
our place
to guess
what their
decision
will be.

Let's
contact
headquar-
ters imme-
diately.

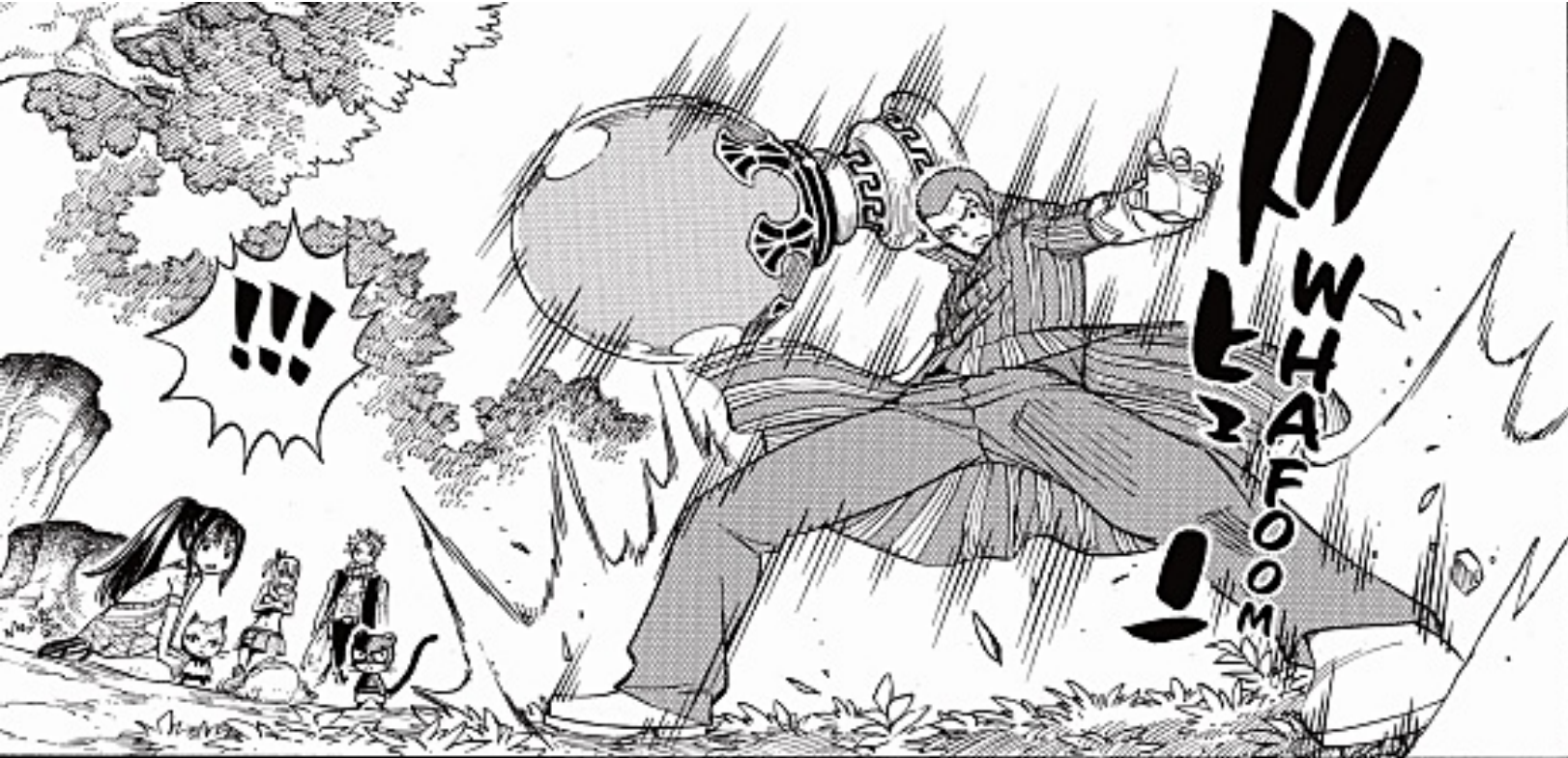


Of course,
neither does
Fairy Tail.

We alone
don't stand
a chance
against
them.









So can you try to locate the rest of your members?

With my magic, I can transfer each of the Fairy Tail members so they can escape off the island.



What?

?!



The guild cleans up the guild's own problems. These people are a guild problem.

I don't see why we need to get help from a Council member.



Huh?



I think we're gonna have to say no to that.



All we gotta do is clean up here before that happens.



You guys never learn...

They want to send down Etherion again?!

That isn't what's going on here!! If a report of what's going on gets back to HQ, they'll attack the entire island!!!

Hey! Hey!!
So that's why
they're going
to blow an
entire island
away?



Makarov was
taken out!!
Grimoire Heart
has some really
terrifying wizards
left in it! There's
no way you can
beat them!!!!

We've been
protecting
our own
guild all
along!

I just don't
believe this!!
If they try
it, we won't
take it lying
down!!!



This island is
sacred ground
for our guild,
and it's home to
the grave of our
first master.

For you
people to
attack
it this
way...



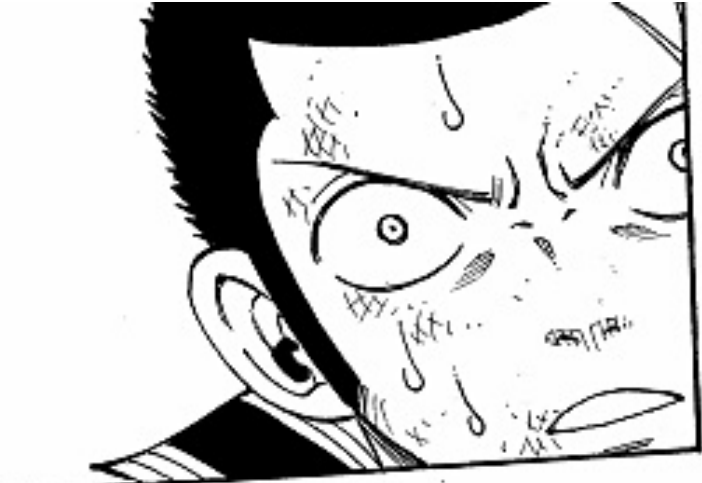
Listen close, and
remember this!! It
don't matter if it's
Grimoire Heart,
the Council or
whoever...



One
puny
guild
?!!!

You intend
to stand
against the
Council
?!!!

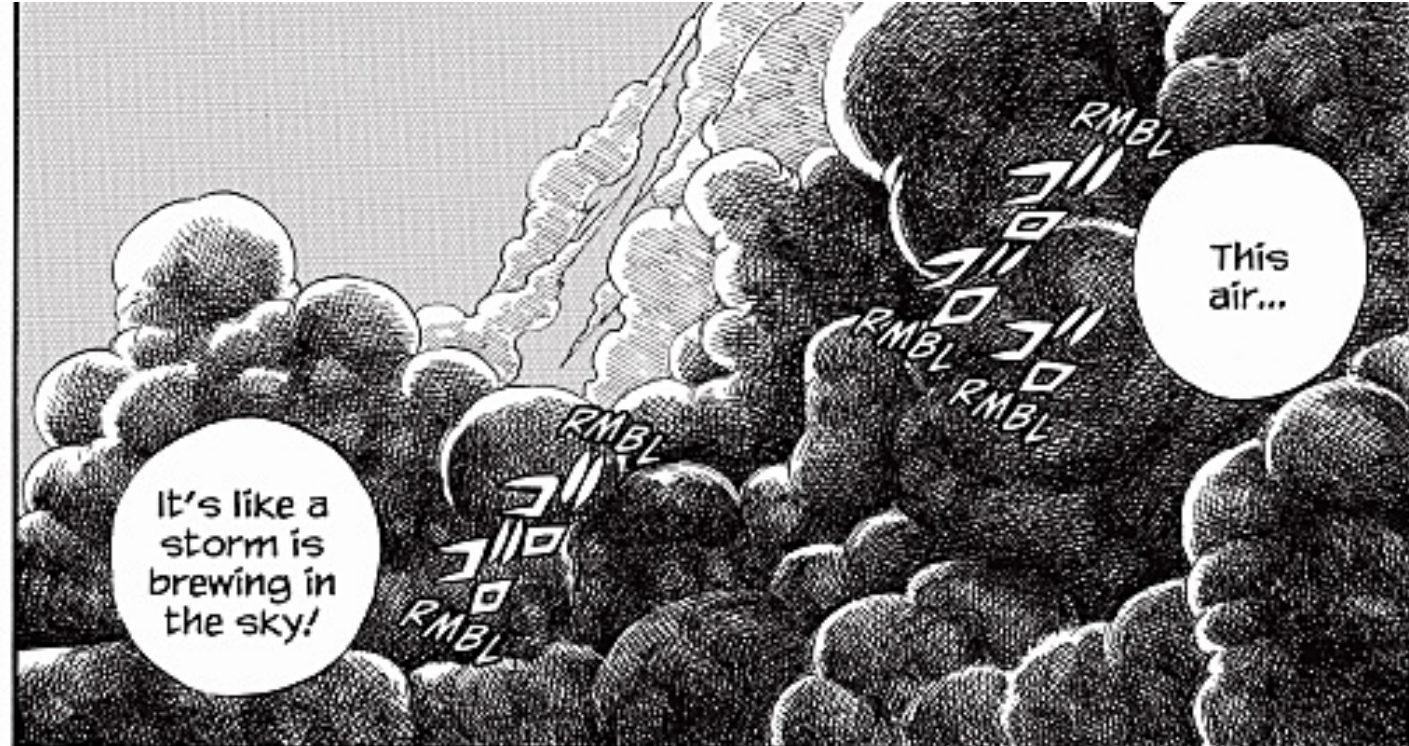




**And
we'll
destroy
them!!!!**



**Our guild
is a family!
Anyone who
raises a hand
against our
family is an
enemy!!!**







Y
A
A
A
A
A
A
!!!



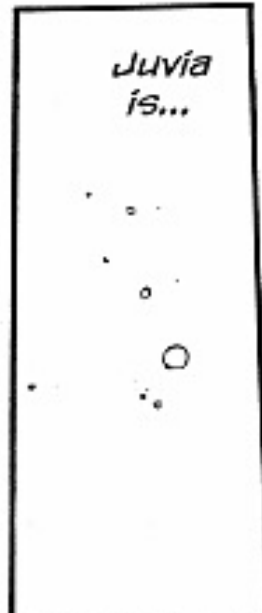
Because
no. 13 is
simply
trash.



Why
aim at
Juvia?!!



Hang
in there,
Juvia!!!



Juvia
is...



B
L
A
S
S
H



No. 2 is
Makarov.



No. 3 is
Gildarts.

However, I
believe that
Hades-sama
took care of
him.

However, it
seems he is
no longer on
the island.



Kh!



You're
saying the
master is
no. 2?!

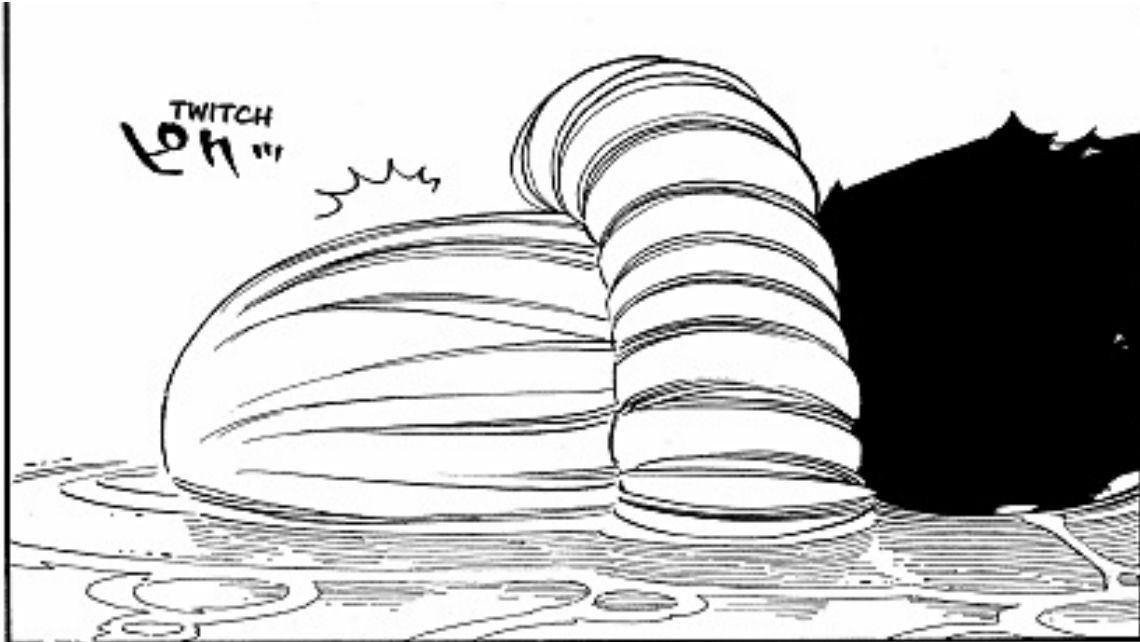


That
means there's
someone you
see as a higher
priority than
the master?



No. 1 is
Gray!

**Gray
Fullbuster!**



TWITCH



What?



The man
who made
Ultear
sad...



Why
Gray?

He is respon-
sible for the
death of
Ur-Ultear's
mother.



I will not
forgive!!!
I will tear
him limb
from
limb!!!!

WHOOSH

The
man...

...who
hurt *my*
Ultear
!!!!





Just
whose
life...

...were
you going
to take,
exactly?

H-Hey!
Calm
down!

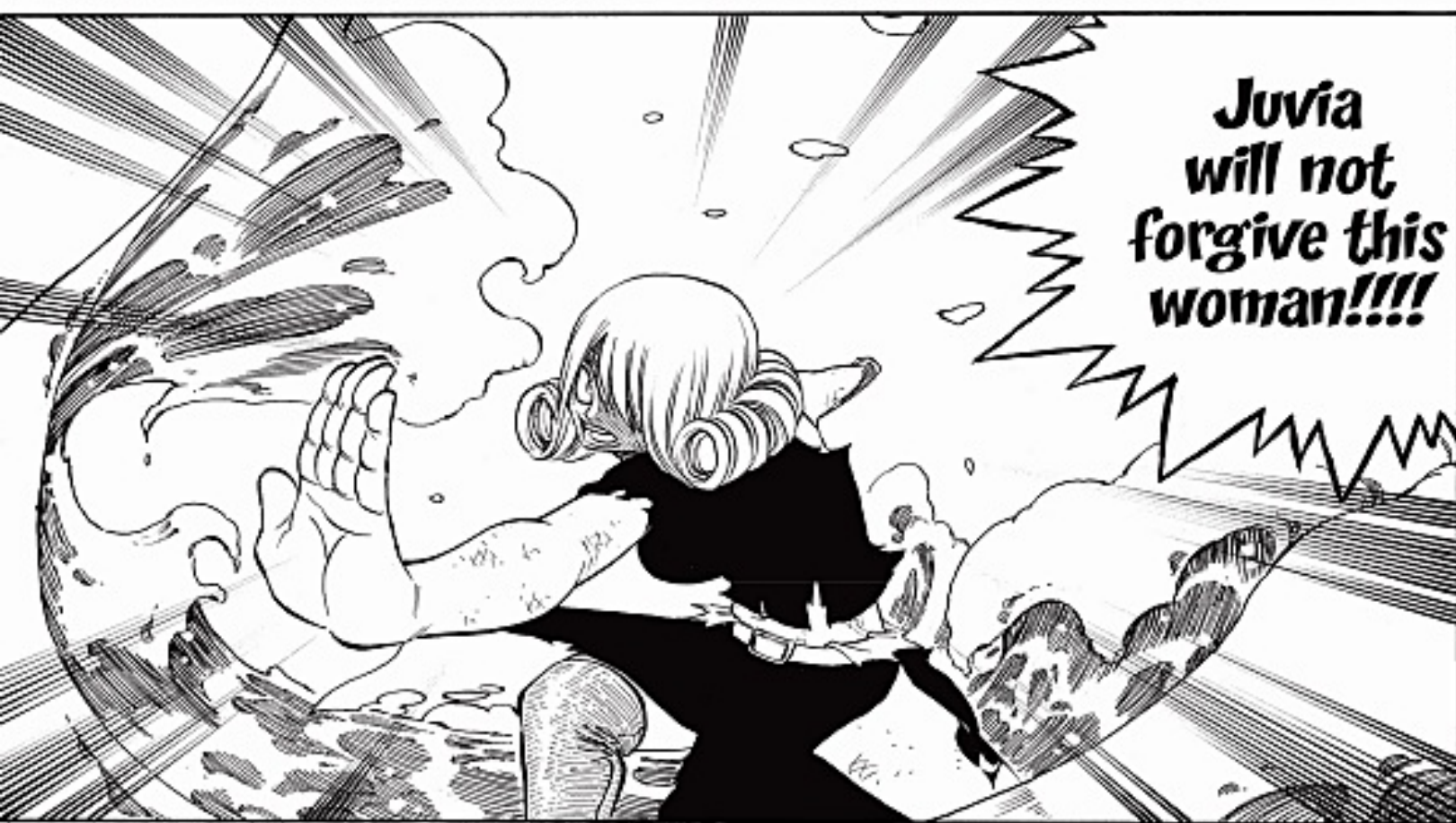
FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

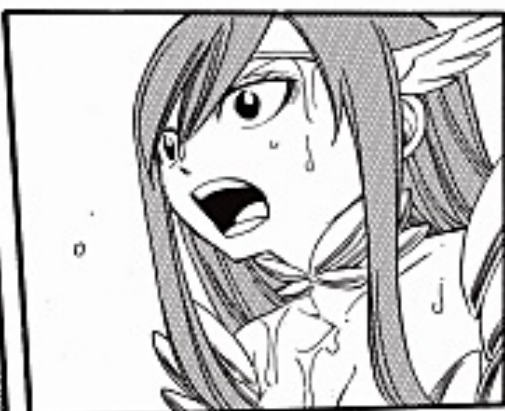
Chapter 229: Dead End of Despair



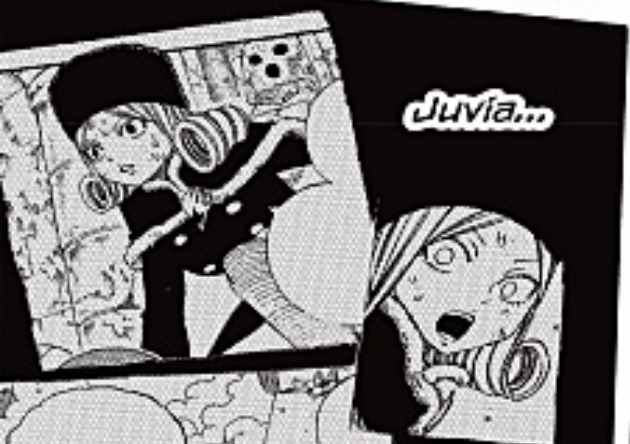








KH!



Juvia...



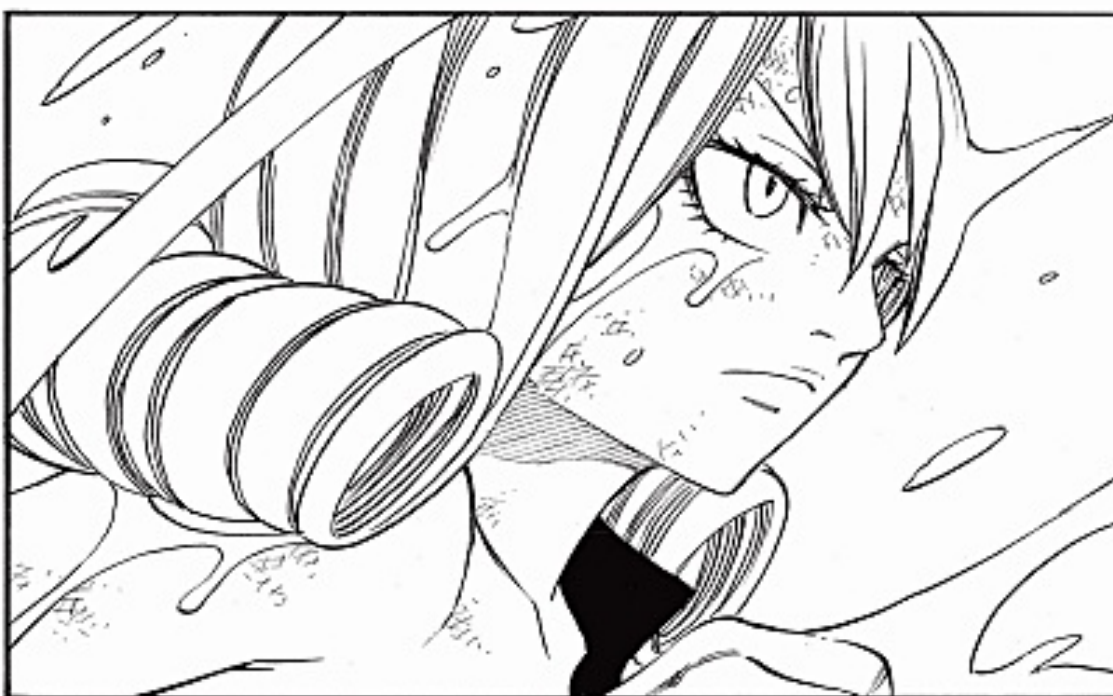
... seems like
a completely
different person
from the one I
fought during
the test.



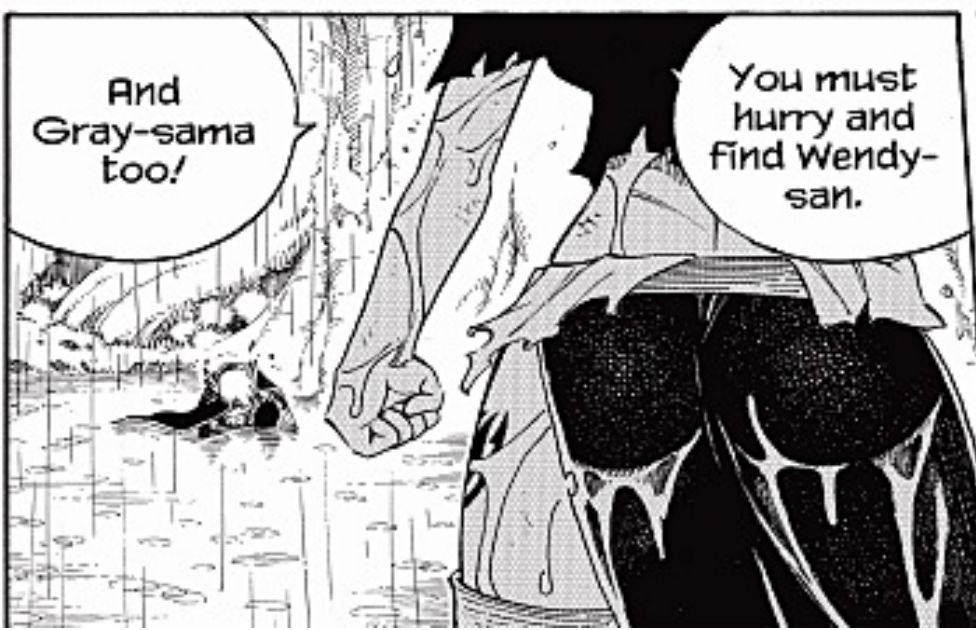
WATER
NEBULA
!!!!



*Her
feelings
for that
man
become
strength.*



*This is
Juvia's
true
power.*



And
Gray-sama
too!

You must
hurry and
find Wendy-
san.



!

Erza-san,
leave this
fight to
Juvia.



WHOOSH



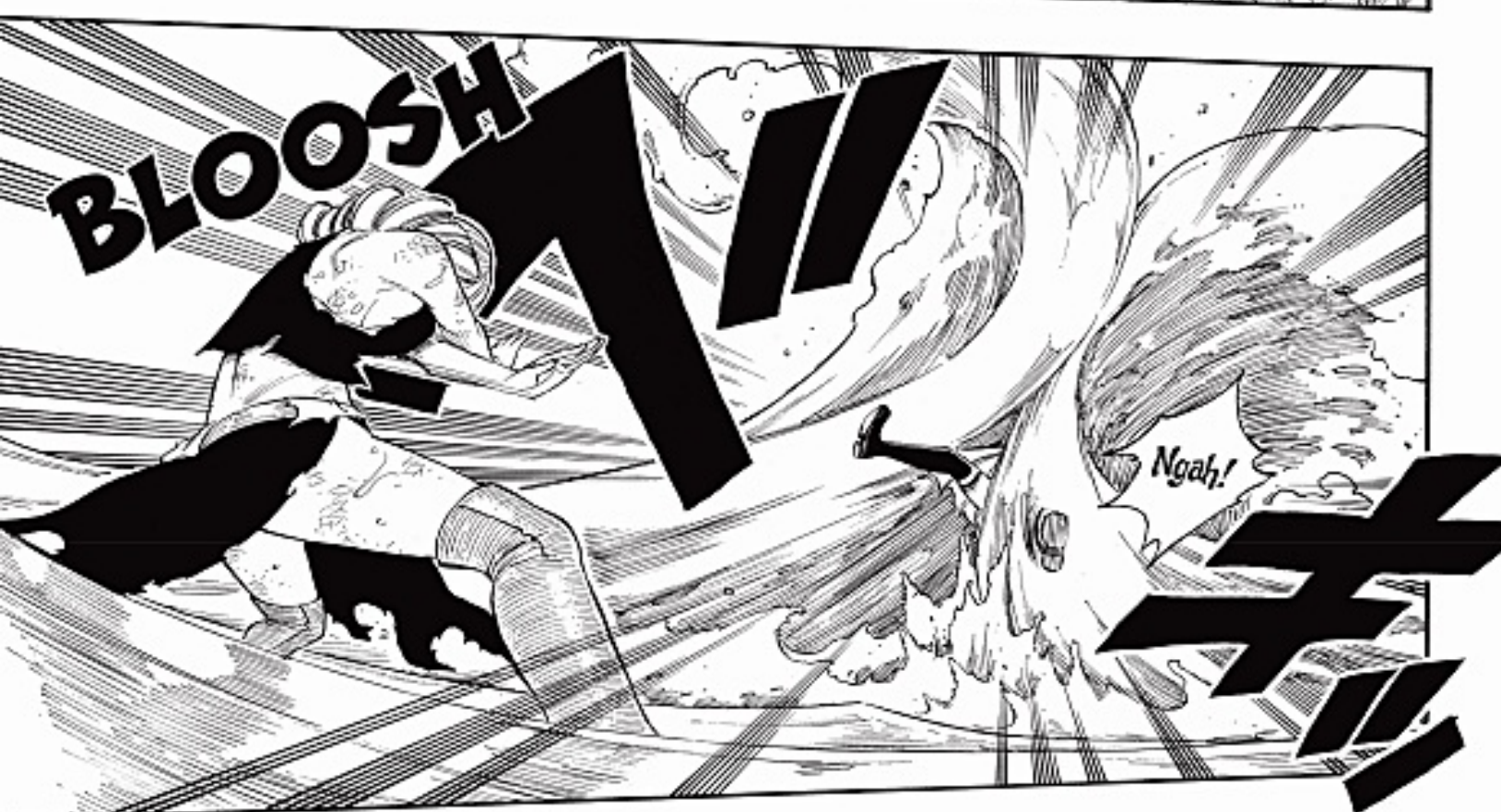
I won't
let no.
4 run
away!



FOOM

Under-
stood!

I'm
leaving
this to
you!



BLOOSH

Ngah!



XGIAOOOOO!!

MAGILTY
RAYS!!!!

Tsk!





It's really
started
coming
down.



To rejoin
the main
force...? To
the master
of Grimoire
Heart?

Where
is she
heading?



What
poem is that,
Rusty?

It's not a
poem... Just
my heart
crying out.

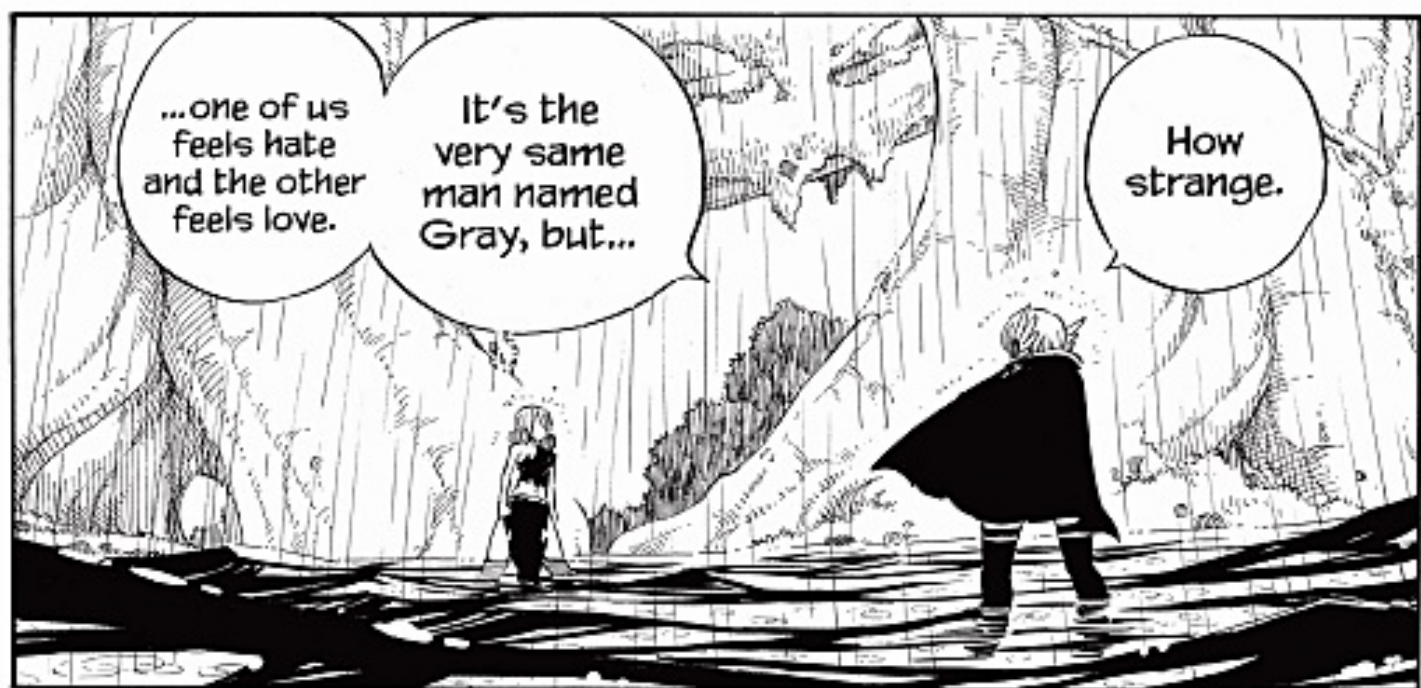
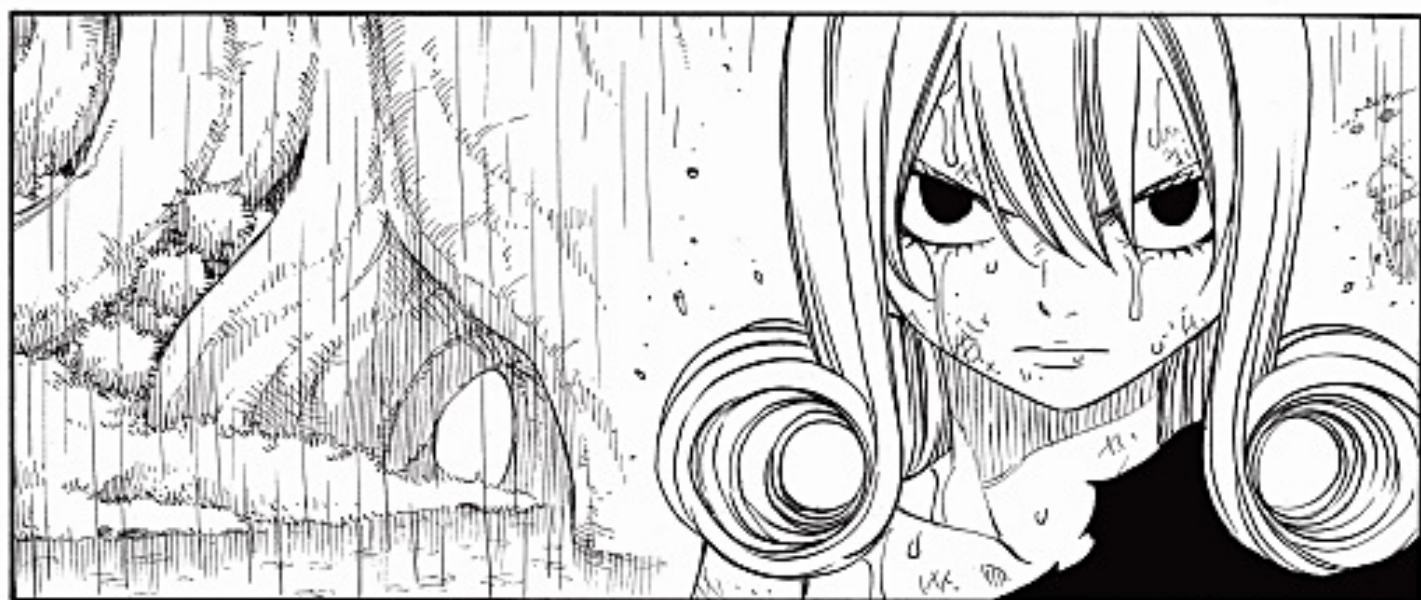


These
tears are
here to
make me
forget my
desires.

The eyes of
evil struggle
to pierce the
darkness.













Strong feelings toward the target are what make the connection possible.

Your senses are now one with Gray's!

Wh-What did you just do?!

Your senses have.

JUVIA AND GRAY-SAMA HAVE B-B-BECOME ONE?!!!

I-I could die happy!

I-It's like heaven...

Does it feel good? Your senses are completely shared now.

What's happening now?!! Suddenly I feel flushed ...?!!

Wah... Wah-Wah-Wah...

However ...



Gah!

KEEEN

ZHAAN

Gh!

This magic
makes your
pain one as
well!!!!

!!!!

TWIRL

?!
L3

GM
GM
GM

You
wish to
hurt...

No...

Gray also
feels any pain
you feel.

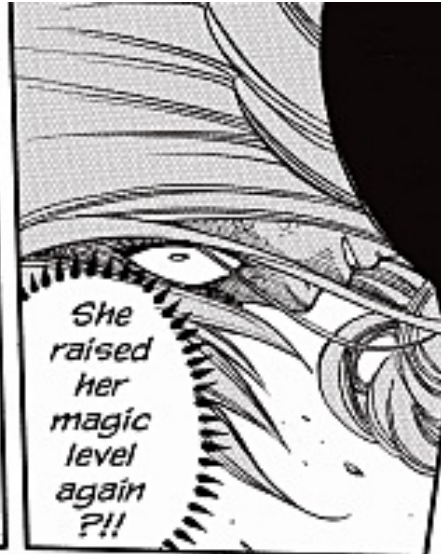
...
Gray-
sama?

FWOOSH

S
H
E
L
A
H
!!!!



For her to become this strong...









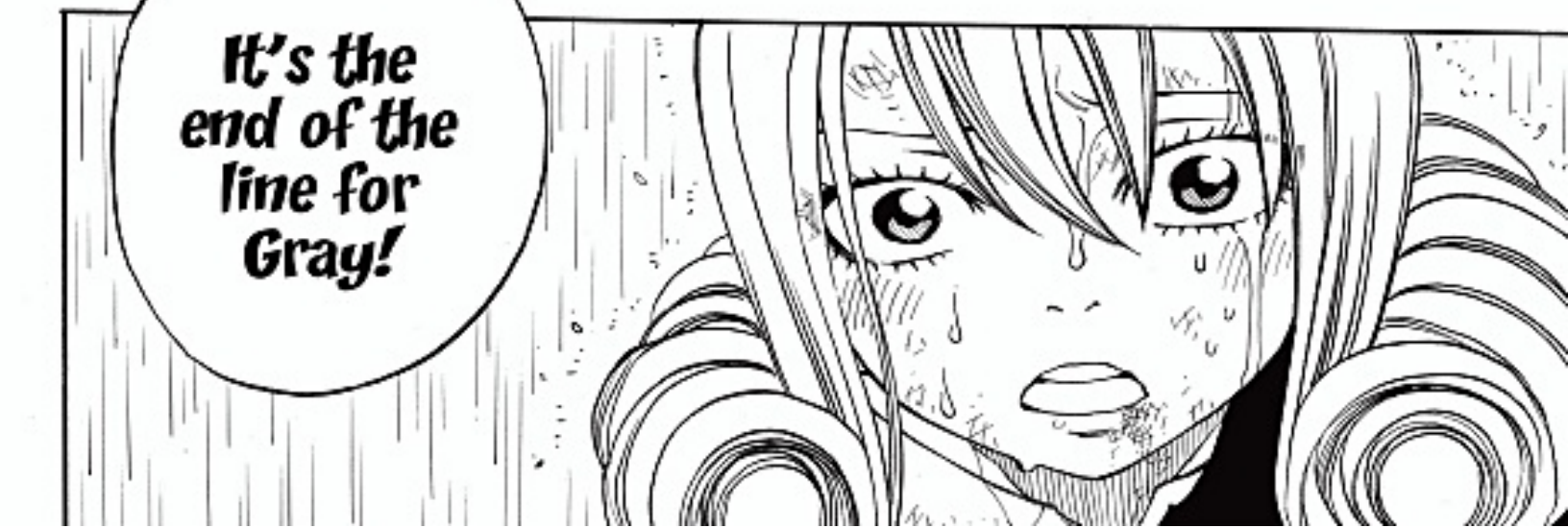
**This way, if
either you or
I die, then
Gray dies as
well!**

**I have
connected
myself to you
and Gray in a
three-person
sense link!**

KEEEN



**This is the
Dead End of
Despair!**



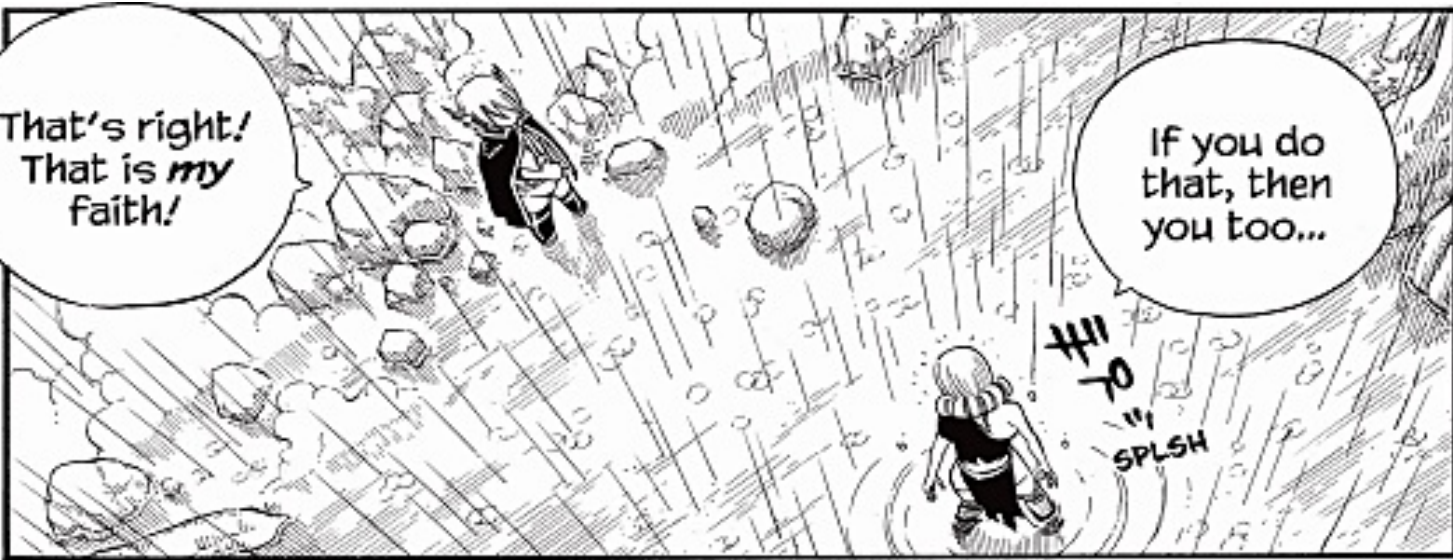
**It's the
end of the
line for
Gray!**

FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

Chapter 230: Tears of Love and Vitality

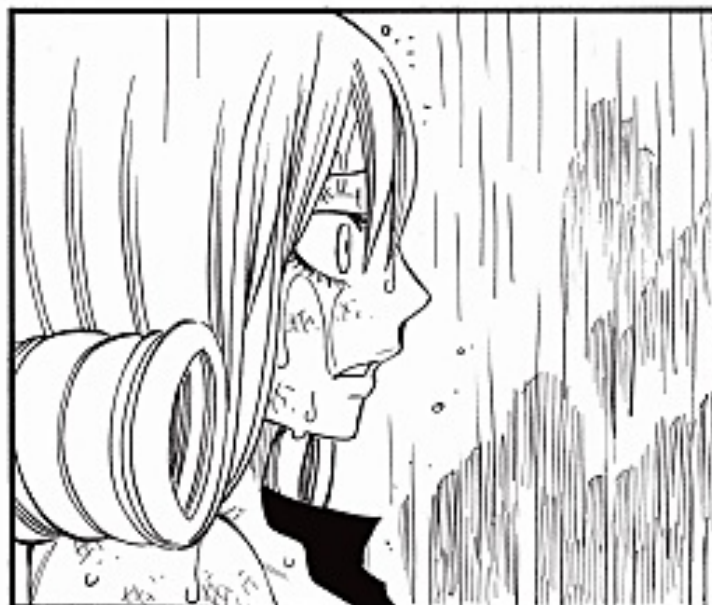




That's right!
That is *my*
faith!

If you do
that, then
you too...

SPLSH



When
this is
over, all
three of
us must
die!

This
will end
it!



Is this
why?

When
did that
happen
?!



What
is this
pain?!!

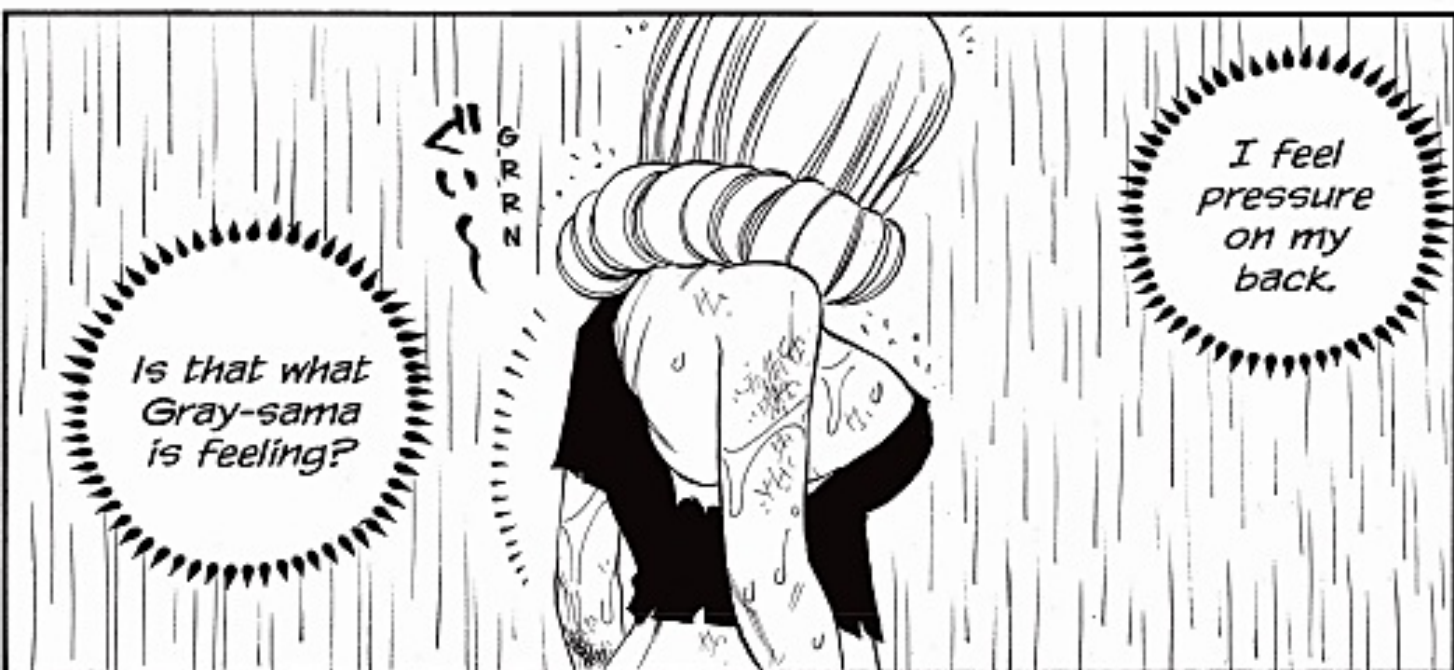
And my lower
legs and feet
are cold! Are
someone
else's feelings
coming into
me?



Dammit!! If I'm wrapped up in this, I'll lose sight of her!

+

KAK



Is that what Gray-sama is feeling?

I feel pressure on my back.

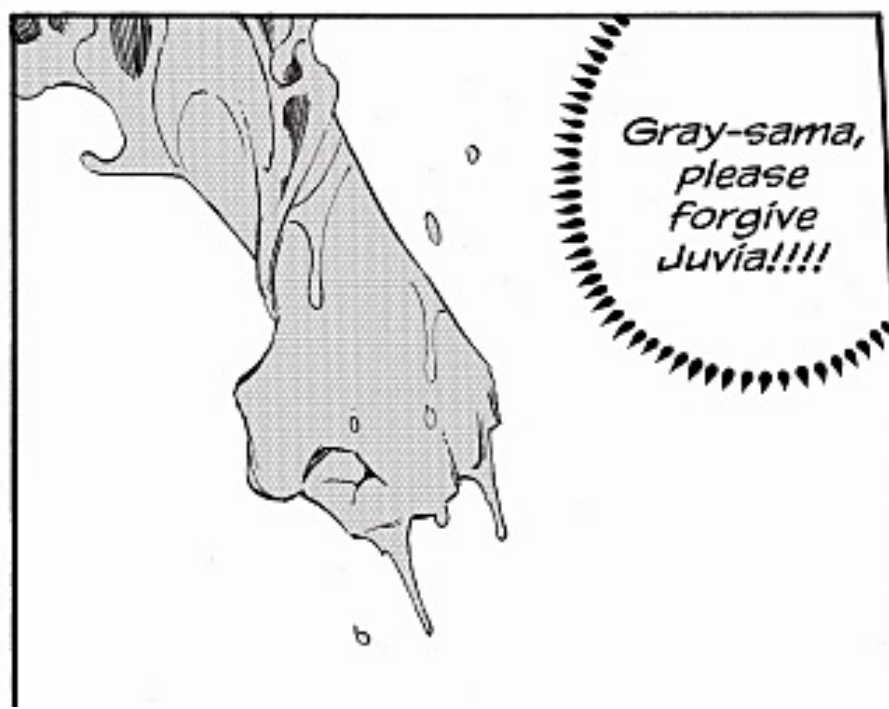
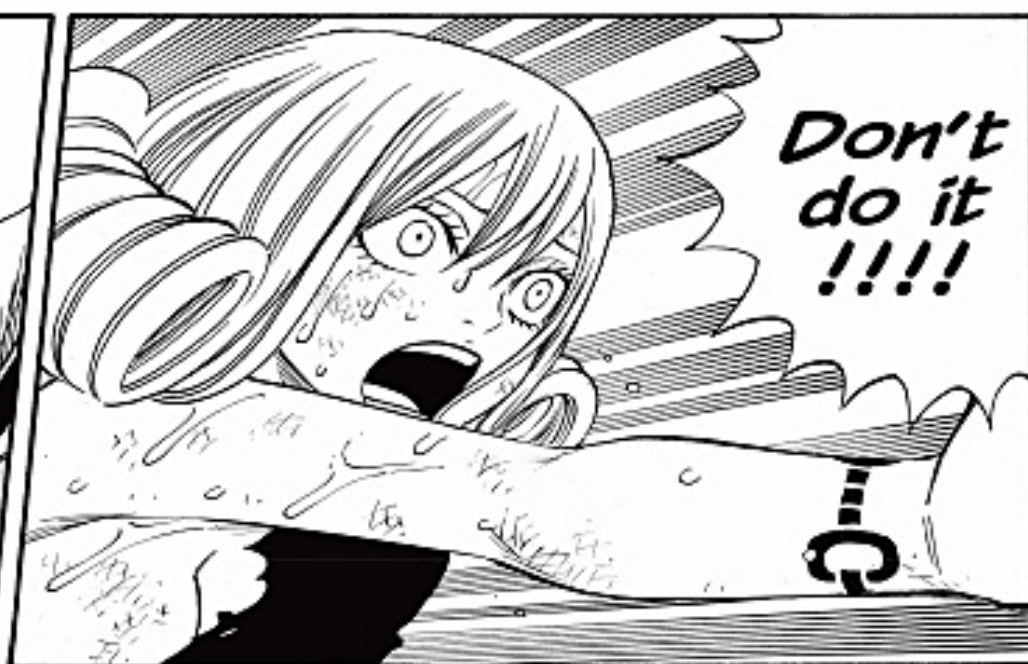


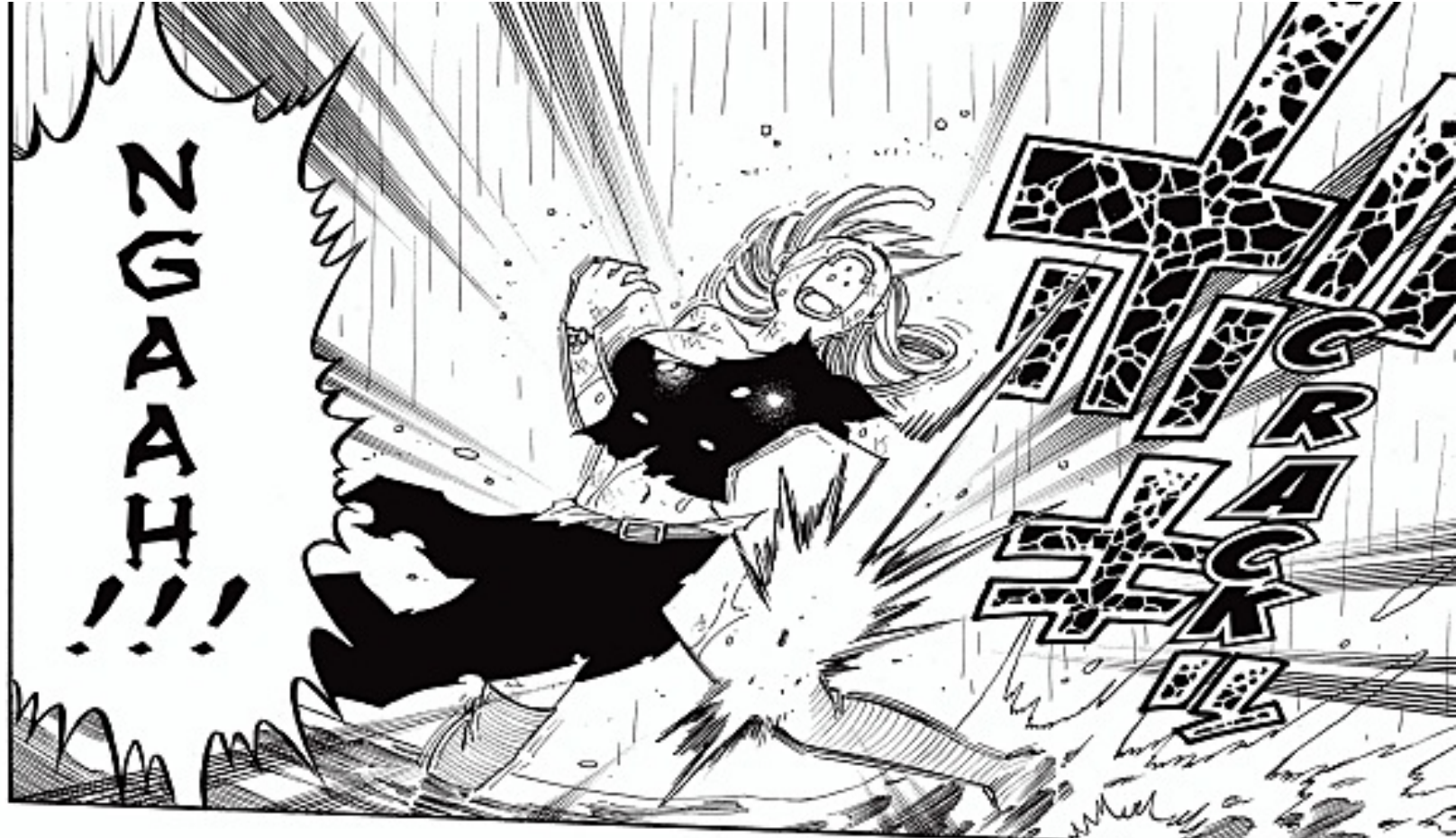
...there is no need to fight any-more.

Now that Gray and I are linked...



Something is pressing on my back.

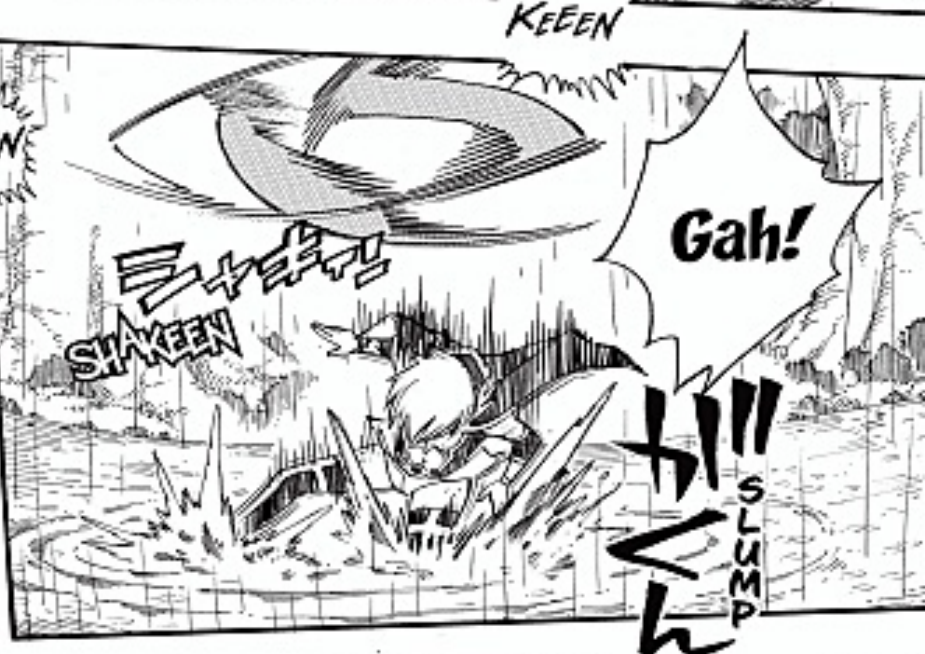


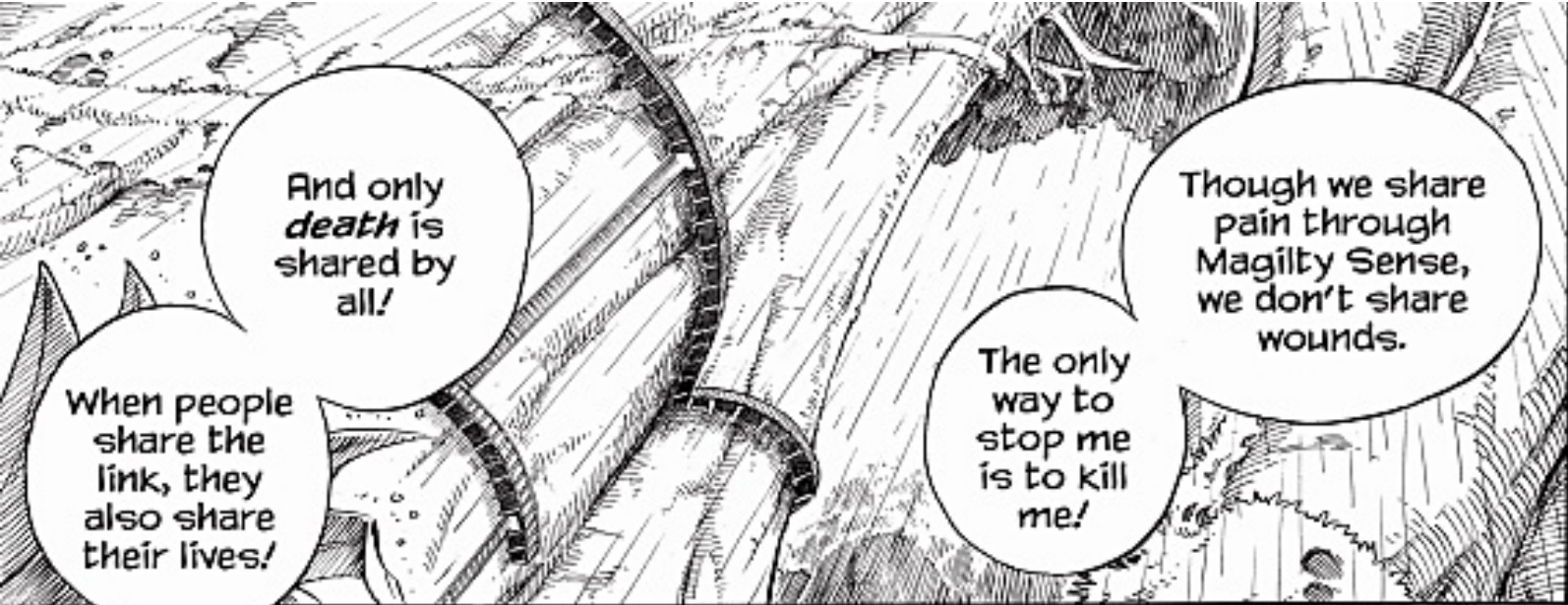


KEEN



KEEN





And only **death** is shared by all!

When people share the link, they also share their lives!

Though we share pain through Magilky Sense, we don't share wounds.

The only way to stop me is to kill me!



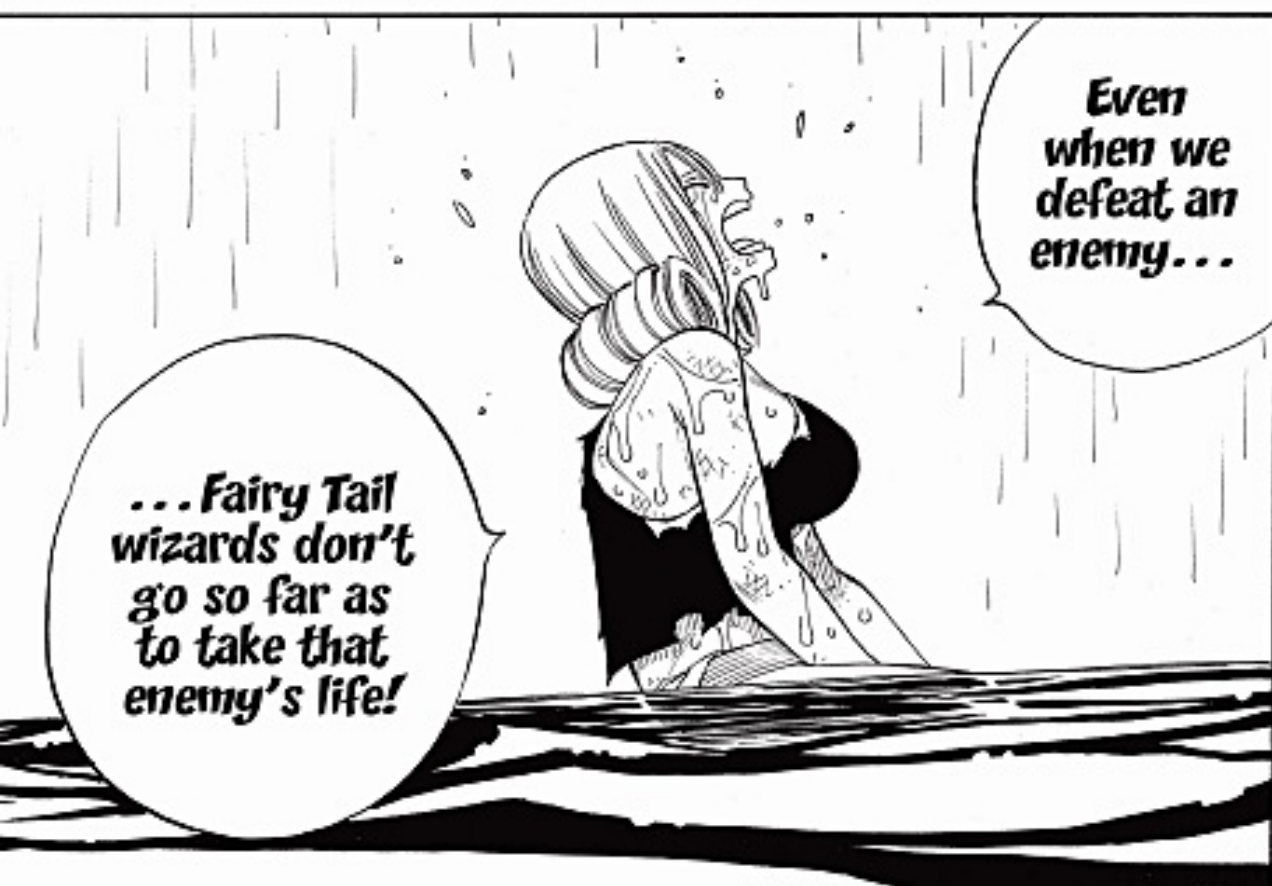
All three can live!

There *is* another path!



Even so, you intend to defy me?

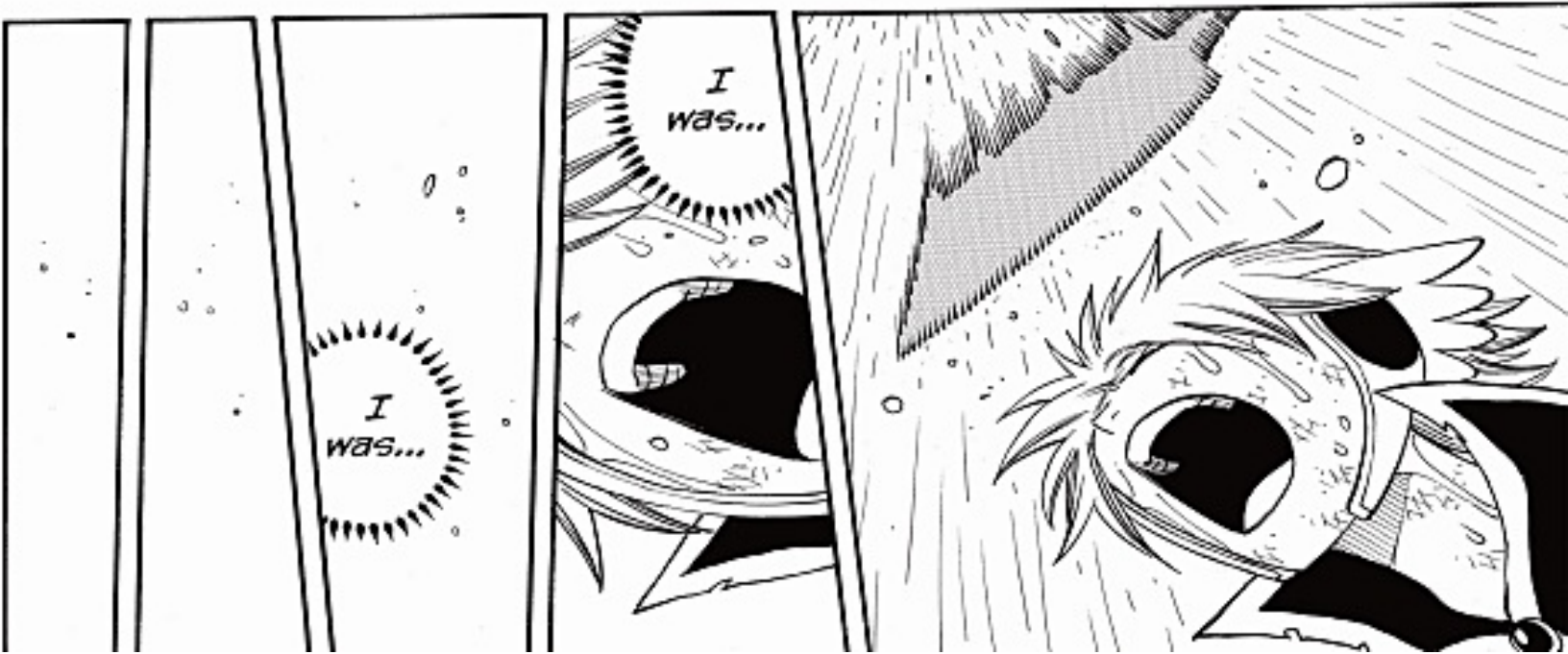
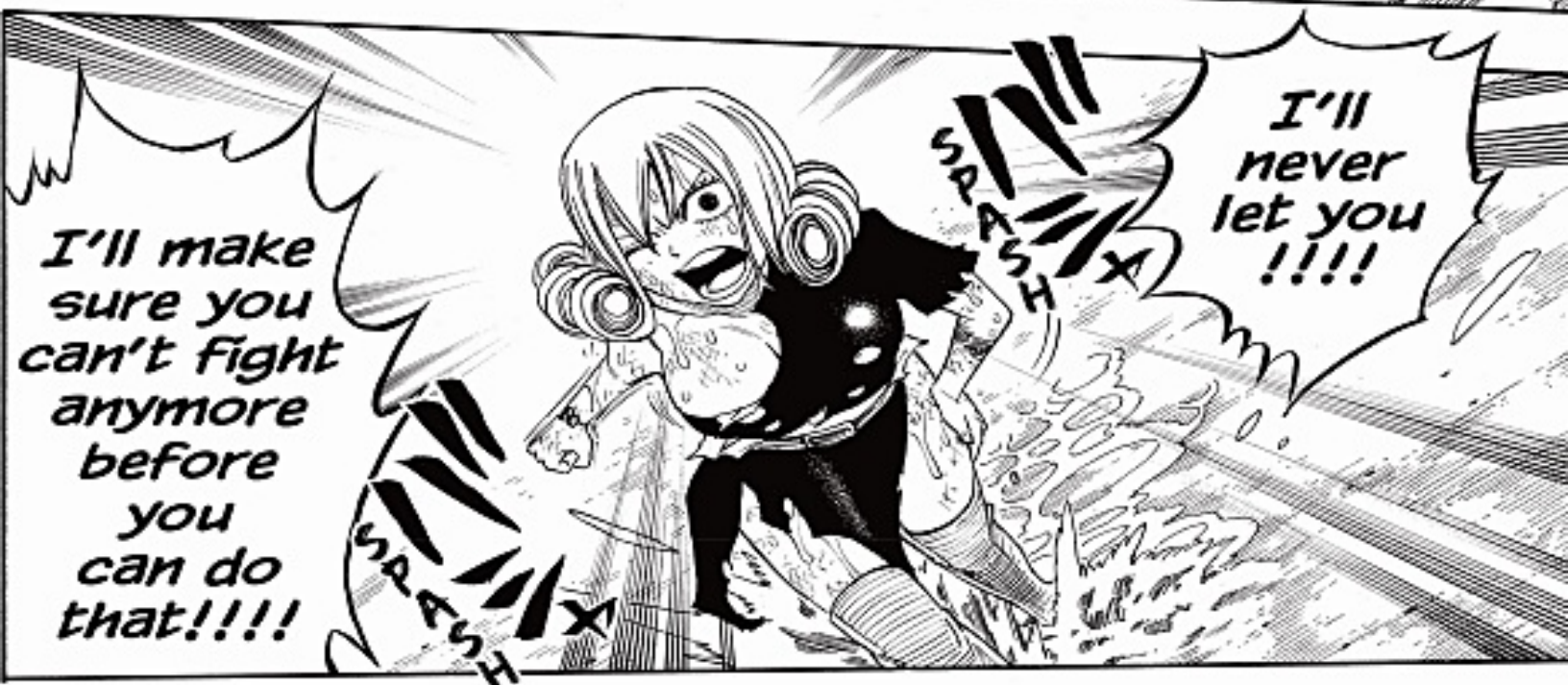
The only path left for the three of us is death!



Even when we defeat an enemy...

... **Fairy Tail** wizards don't go so far as to take that enemy's life!









She looks like I did years ago.



We're under orders to wipe out every living thing in the land where Zeref's key slumbers!

What are you talking about?!



Dead?



Ur was my mother.

The name Urtear is now dead.



I don't
need
such a
grown-up
daughter.



My
mother
is
Ultear!

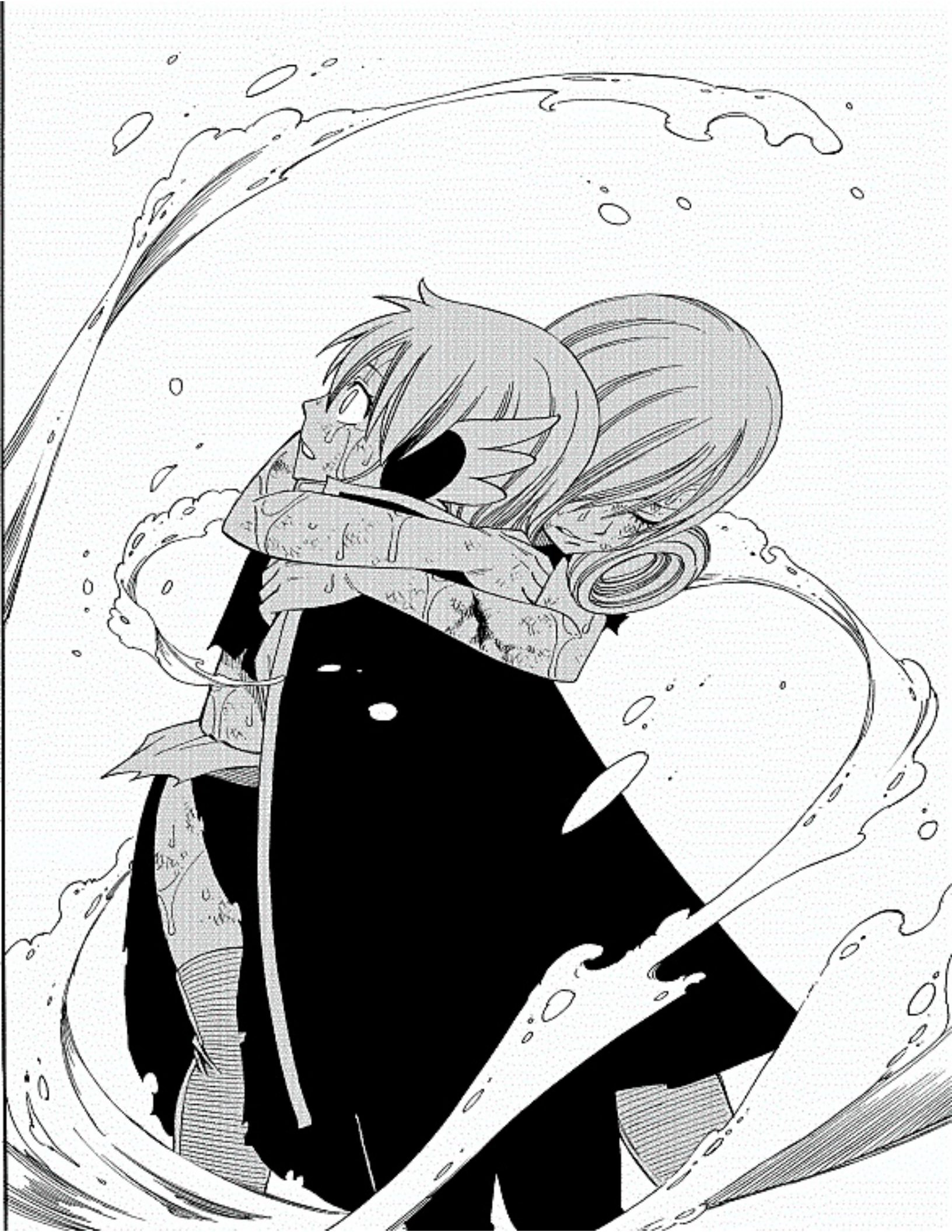


grrrr



I was...

I was...









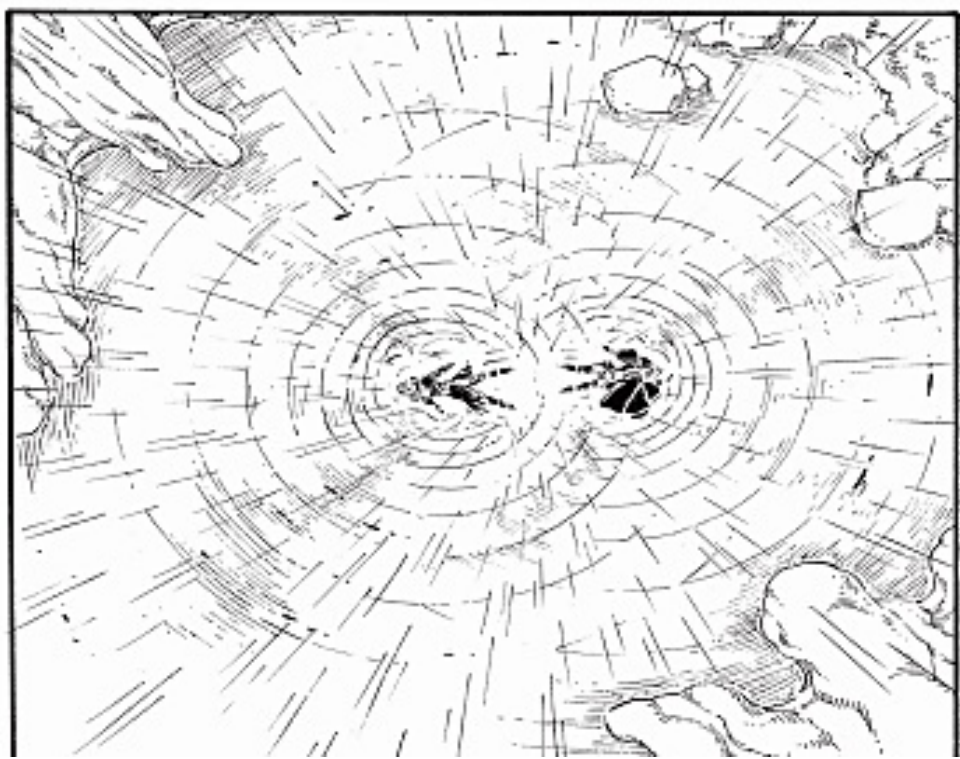


*This
emotion
is...*

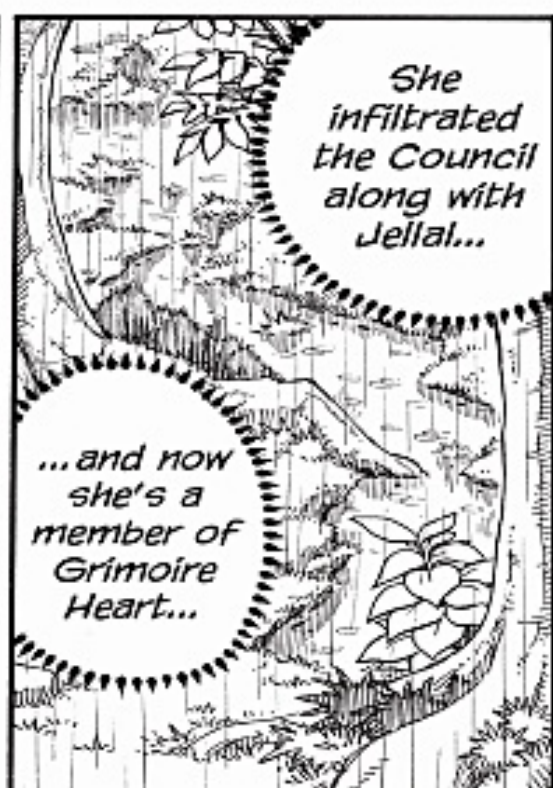
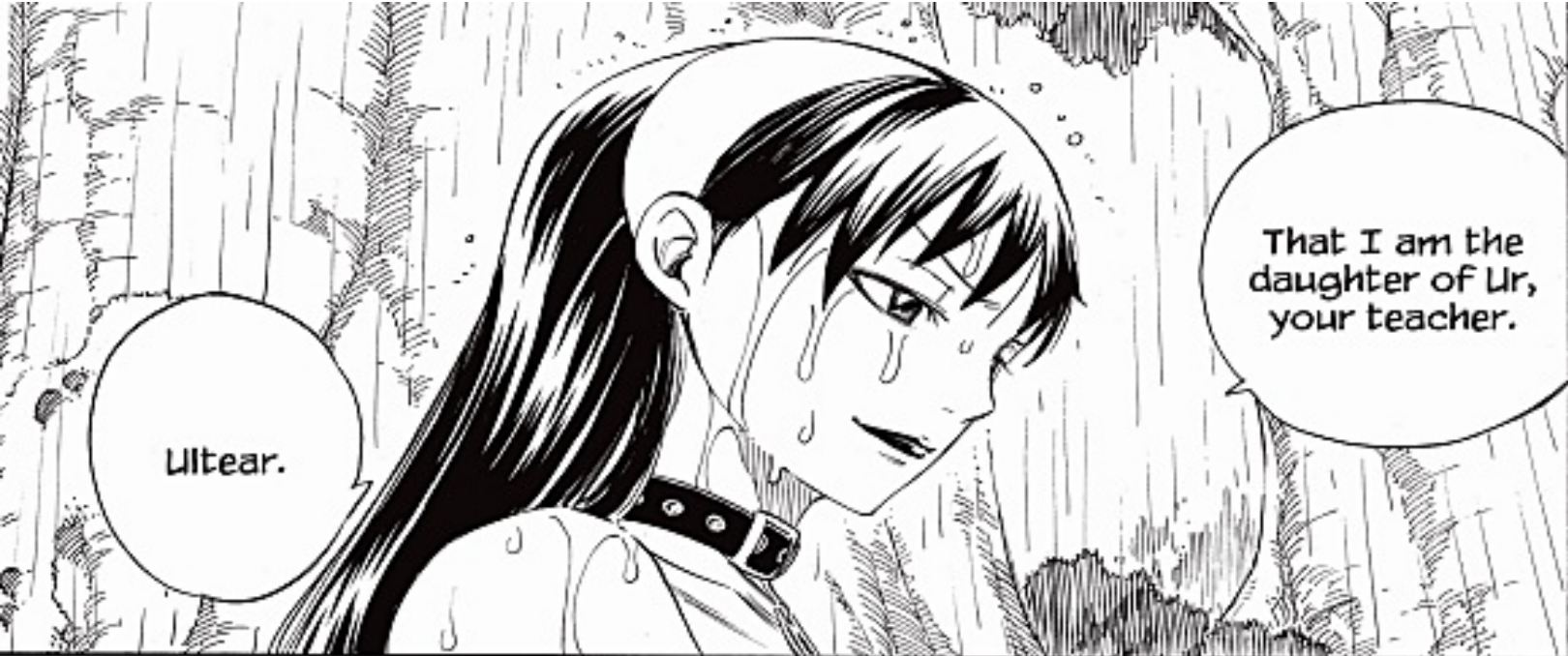
*They're
tears of
love and
vitality.*



If you
want to fight
Gray-sama, he
will not flinch
from it.









TO BE CONTINUED

**BONUS
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This particular story arc is pretty long, huh? I guess my estimates were off. Usually a story arc takes about three volumes, but this time we've already gone through three volumes, and I'd say we're only about half finished with it, maybe. Hmm... Well, you could say that there are a lot more people involved this time, so the extra time is only natural, but also, things are going to heat up from here on out, so stay with us!! And I've got a really wild twist planned for the last scene of this one. Expect something big! I can't go into details, but it's one of those huge twists where the whole story, guild, and entire setting may be on the verge of changing. I can tell you that I'm chomping at the bit to draw it!

Changing the subject, I'm sure you've already noticed, but I don't have a home page, blog, Twitter account* or anything. As much as I'd like to do one, I get the feeling that I wouldn't be able to continue it very long, so I never tried. Also, I've had this nagging anxiety over readers hearing from me in my own words directly. There's a certain influence that goes along with the words of famous people like creators such as myself and TV stars, sports personalities and politicians and such. I've always thought that I don't want to blurt out something irresponsible, you know? And when I think of that, it becomes more difficult for me to do it. Even so, there are a lot of people around me using Twitter, so I've had an itch to try it myself...but I don't know how it'll turn out. Still, if I were to do a blog or Twitter, I might have less time for drawing... By the way, right now, I spend nearly all of every week drawing manga.

*Mashima-sensei has since signed up for Twitter (@hiro_mashima) and is quite active.



Hey everybody! If you were a Plue, what kind of Plue would you be? Have you ever thought about that? Of course not, right? We expected that. But for today, we are doing a special, "What kind of Plue would you be" column! Sure, it's dumb, but it's a fun kind of dumb to think about! How you do it is simple! Figure out the number that is derived from your name! Let's take as an example the name of Fairy Tail's Japanese editor, Mr. Matsuki.

1.) Noriaki Matsuki

2.) NORIAKIMATSUKI
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 4 5 8 9 1 1 9 3 1 0 9 1 1 9

3.) $4+5+8+9+1+1+9+3+1+0+9+1+1+9$
 ||
 61
 ||
 1

(First, write out your name on a piece of paper.)

Next, you assign numbers based on the order of the alphabet. The tens place doesn't matter for our purposes, so this is how the numbers would work.

A = 1, B = 2, C = 3, D = 4, E = 5,
 F = 6, G = 7, H = 8, I = 9, J = 0, K = 1,
 L = 2, M = 3, N = 4, O = 5, P = 6, Q = 7,
 R = 8, S = 9, T = 0, U = 1, V = 2, W = 3,
 X = 4, Y = 5, and Z = 6.

Then you add up all the numbers. When you get the total, take the ones place digit (ignoring the tens place and higher), and that becomes your Plue number. In Mr. Matsuki's example, that number is 1. Now take your Plue number you got here and check out the next page! (Just turn the page!)

Now, if you have some time to waste, give it a try!!

If-Plue 2

1. Normal Plue



You're a normal Plue. Yes, we know you're a dog who, for some reason, walks on two legs, but you're still a normal Plue. You are the same kind of Plue you see in the manga.

2. Eating Plue



Anyway, you really like to eat! You're happiest when you're munching down on something. Just be careful you don't become a fat Plue.

3. Sleeping Plue



Do you find yourself running late all the time these days? Even when you've turned from human into a Plue, you still sleep all the time!

4. Happy?



Too bad (?), but for some reason, you're not a Plue but a Happy. That's pretty rare, so you can take some pride in that.

5. ? Plue



Yes, it's nice to have a burning curiosity about all sorts of things, but that can also lead to trouble, so take care with it, okay?

6. Dejected Plue



Maybe you're feeling downhearted, but you can't let it get the best of you! You'll turn out to be a fine, upstanding Plue! I know it! By the way, you really get along well with Plue Number 3!

7. Hungry Plue



Anyway, I suggest you just get a bite to eat. If you don't, it could spell trouble. You look like you could fade away. You are very compatible with Plue Number 2.

8. Crying Plue



You have to be stronger! If you just keep crying, all the fun in life will run away from you! I'm sure you like to smile once in a while too, right?

9. CosPlue



You are a Plue that loves snazzy clothing! You also blow through your money on it. You are always in pursuit of the ultimate fashion statement!

0. Dancing Plue



You are a Plue who loves to dance. When Lucy summons you, you can ease everyone's tension with your fancy footwork!

The Bestiary of Sirius Island

Doscadon



This is a giant carnivore that specializes in a head-butt attack. It crushes its prey with its head, then eats the meat.

Quly



It's a native of the northern part of the island, but during winter months, it migrates to the south.

Cubina Gamal



A huge herbivore 5-7 meters (16-23 feet) tall. There are rare instances where individuals can speak and understand human language.

Clipper



A violent-tempered bird that inhabits Sirius Island. They attack in flocks.

Bakshi



Lives in the trees or on the ground and tends to eat insects. It is unusual to catch sight of one.

Budragos



This is considered a giant member of the pig family. There are large numbers of this species in Fiore as well.

Sirius Squirrel



A rare member of the squirrel family that can only be found on Sirius Island. None of the world's biologists have ever seen it.

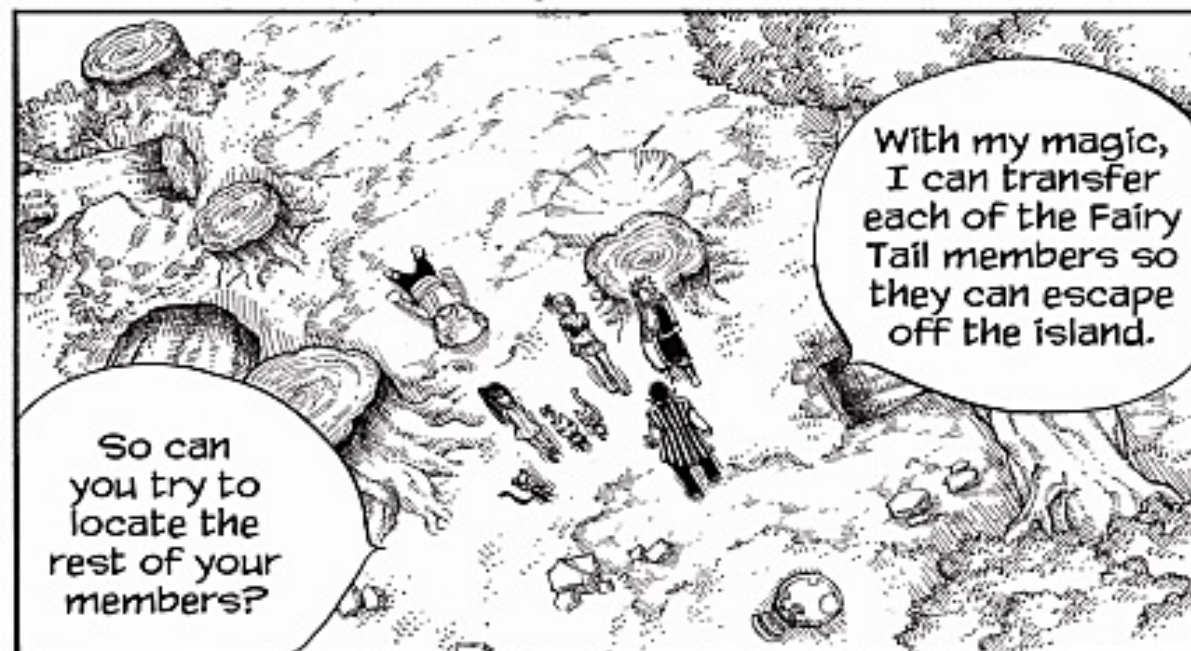
Goromajiro



The exposed surfaces of its skin are covered in tough scales. When it is intent on battle, it can roll itself into a ball to attack.

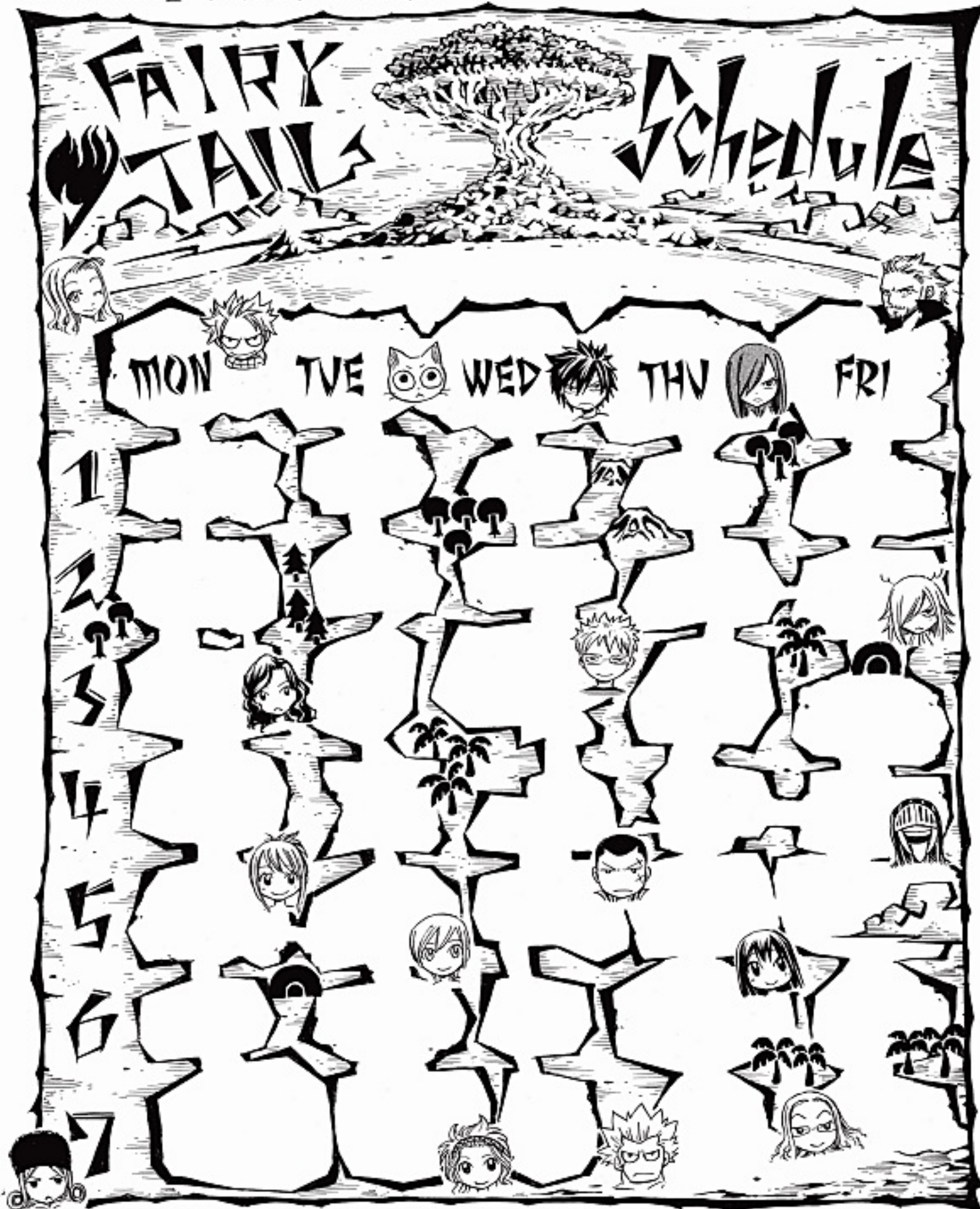
Spot the Differences!

This artwork below is just like page 124! But if you look really closely, you can see a few differences...



There are ten differences!! Can you find them all?

Hourly Scheduler



Copy this page and fill it in for yourself!

ABOUT THE NAMING OF THE CHARACTERS 2

It may be late to do this since there are just so many characters now, but let's go for it anyway.

Gajeel --> Kajiru, the Japanese word for "to gnaw." The Japanese sound effect for his eating is "*gaji gaji*."

Wendy --> In the first concepts, Wendy was "Water Dragon." The Japanese word for the day in the middle of the week is Suiyōbi or "water day," then I got to the English Wednesday, and from there to Wendy.

Carla (Sharuru or Charles in Japanese) --> I think this was the name of a princess character in a book I read a long time ago. But in the West, there are a lot of countries where the name is male, so the name has changed in a bunch of countries.

Fried --> He was originally supposed to be named Albion. But the rest of the Raijin Tribe had longer names, so Fried's name was shortened to give it some balance. In his original concept, he attacked with archaic words, so his name was Furui-zo! ("It's old!"), shortened to Furi-zo! to Fried.

Bickslow --> It was a mash of "Big" and "Throw."

Evergreen --> It refers to trees that don't lose their leaves in the winter. Her color is green.

Lexus --> It's based on a unit of measurement for light, "Lux."

Panther Lily --> This is a play on the name of a famous character from a certain fairy tale.

Juvia --> I don't remember about this one, but I really, really love the name!

Levy --> She was just a background character at first, so I don't really remember. But I really like her!

Lisanna --> I just get the feeling that a name ending like xxx-anna makes it sound cute!

Precht --> From the literary scholar.

Ultear --> As mentioned in the books, she's "Ur's tear."

Kain Hikaru --> The nickname of someone who was a part of my staff.

Rustyroze --> It was a riff on the name of a cocktail.

Merudy --> This just sort of came to me. (Afterwards I realized it's the name of a character in an old RPG I used to play. I regret not realizing it.)

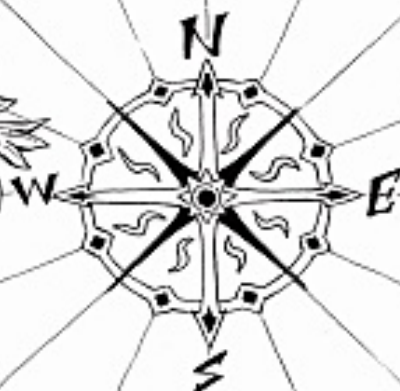
Zancrow --> I so don't remember about this name that it surprises even me!

Caprico --> It's from Capricorn, the goat, the constellation.

Azuma --> When I was trying to think of a name, the TV celebrity Mikiyoshi Azuma just happened to come on.

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THE KINGDOM OF FIORE



FIORE

Blue Pegasus

Shirotsume

Hakobe Mountain

Crocus (capital)

Council
Fiore Chapter

The Wares Forest

Cait Shelter

Clover

Oshibana

Kunugi

Onibas

Magnolia

Hargeon

Akane Beach

Lamia Scale

Ruins of the
Tower of Heaven

Galuna Island

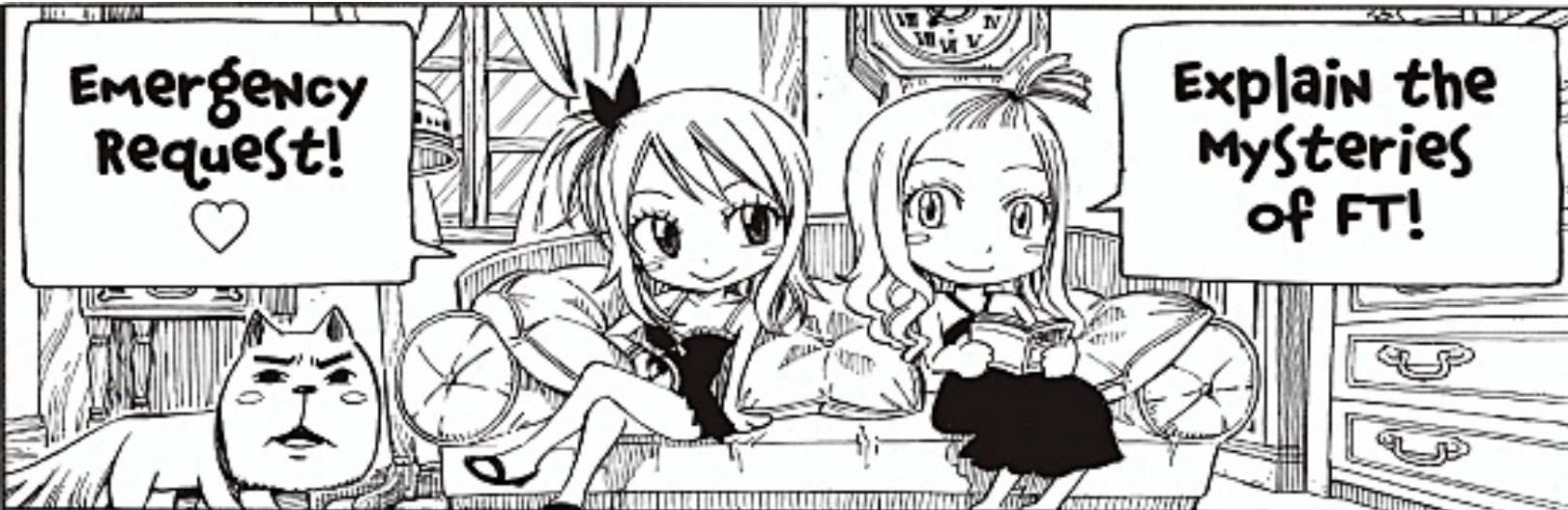
?
Sirius Island
(in this vicinity)



Emergency Request!



Explain the Mysteries of FT!



At Mirajane's House...



Mira: Wow!! Mirajane's house!♥



Lucy: Welcome, Lucy!

Mira: Oh! You own a dog?

Mira: He's a stray, though.



Mira: If you own him, you can't call him a stray, right?

Mira: Let's get right off to our question corner, shall we?

In Volume 21, there was a scene where Edolas Natsu suddenly showed up with a scarf. What was that about?



Lucy: That question... There are a lot of people pointing that out, huh?

Mira: It was nothing more than a mistake, right?

Lucy: Well manga creators are human too. I suppose there are times when they space out and make some mistakes.

Mira: Like when he forgets to draw your clothes, Lucy.



Mira: I kind of wonder why a pro would be doing that.

Mira: Speaking of questioning the professionalism of creators, there's this!

In Volume 7, the guild mark was on Lisanna's left shoulder, but in the Edolas chapters it was on her left thigh. Why is that?



Lucy: Oh, no...!!

Mira: A lot of details being pointed out, hm?

Lucy: Another mistake?



Mira: No. We actually can make up an excuse for that.



Mira: You shouldn't be saying, "excuse"...

Mira: The people of the Edolas Fairy Tail don't actually have guild marks on their bodies. That's why she moved her mark to a place where it wouldn't stand out. How's that?

Lucy: Okay, we'll just call that the reason.

Mira: There are really a lot of other detail mistakes that haven't been pointed out yet, but if we just keep quiet, nobody will ever know, so we'll not say a word!♥

Lucy: Y-Yeah, I guess...

Mira: And the next question.

If Cana failed the S-Class test four times, who were the wizards who managed to pass the test?

Lucy: I want to know that too!

Mira: Yes... Actually the truth of that is a little complicated, so let's look at a chart.

Test Year	Passed the Test	Cana Takes Part
X784	Still in Progress	
X783	No Wizard Passed	
X782	Mystogan	
X781	Mirajane (16 years old)	
X780	Erza (15 years old)	
X779	No Wizard Passed	
X778	Laxus (17 years old)	
X???	Gildarts	

Lucy: Really?

Mira: Looking at it like this, I'm reminded that I passed the year before we lost Lisanna...

Lucy: And there are times when no wizard passed, huh?

Mira: That's right. And a number of people passed between Gildarts and Laxus, but for various reasons, they're not in the guild now.

Lucy: Looking at their ages at the time, we don't know how old Gildarts was, but Erza was just 15...?

Mira: Right! She holds the record for youngest!

Lucy: That's pretty amazing...



: Tswee!! Tswee!!



: !!

Mira: Oh, my... There you are again!

Lucy: L-Listen, Mira-san, that bark is really weird!



: Tswee!! Tsweetsuu!!

Mira: Really?



: Absolutely! Completely weird!!

Mira: I think he's better than a Lucy who barks out, "Mountain Lion Pon!"

Lucy: That isn't any kind of a bark!

Mira: Here! Here, little doggy!

Lucy: I'm just going to ask this, but what's the **breed name** of that dog?



: What? I have no idea. I told you it was a stray, right? It just came to my place on its own.

Lucy: So it really *was* a stray...? (sigh)

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FAIRY

GUILD

Hyogo Prefecture, Miko



▲ There seem to be a lot of people who are very concerned about where the relationship of these two is going.

Taiwan, Wu Yu-ling



▲ The second piece of art from Taiwan! Her skirt has a keyboard pattern! ♪

Taiwan, Ceng Heng-Min



▲ This time, there were two pieces of work from Taiwan! Natsu's face is great!

Kanagawa Prefecture, Haruka Ito



▲ There's a ribbon in Natsu's hair! It looks better than expected.

Gifu Prefecture, Yūri Takagi



◀ Ohh! It's out-out art! Wonderful!!

By sending in letters or postcards you give us permission to give your name, address, postal code and any other information you include to the author as is. Please keep that in mind.

Aichi Prefecture, Saitama



◀ Whoa! Whoa! I let a laugh slip out... just barely!

REJECTION
CORNER

Happy, Carla and their families. Will we see them again?



Kyoto, Maru

TAIL

d'ART

The Fairy Tail Guild is looking for illustrations! Please send in your art on a postcard or at postcard size, and do it in black pen, okay? Those chosen to be published will get a signed mini poster! ♪ Make sure you write your real name and address on the back of your illustration!

Kanagawa Prefecture, Reina Mori



▲ These two were an unexpected combo! But how's their teamwork?

Fukuoka Prefecture, Nagisa
(Older sister)



▲ It's a Lucy fan! Thank you so much!

Aichi Prefecture, Misaki Tomita



▲ The men who are tagged as the hunky guys of FT. Loke really worked hard this time!

Gunma Prefecture, Hineri Akasaka



▲ This is good! As always, Zeref is really popular, but he didn't really have a part this volume, huh?

Kanagawa Prefecture, Hōbei-Kyū



▲ Juvia played a huge part this time, didn't she?

Chiba Prefecture, Yūya



▲ Long time, no see! Is everybody doing good?

Shizuoka Prefecture, Phantom



▲ Ha haaa! Everybody with Happy's face!!

Toiyama Prefecture, Yūki Izumi



▲ Thanks for the really cute picture of Wendy!

FROM HIRO MASHIMA



On the occasion of the Great Tohoku Earthquake, I would like to offer my support and condolences to anyone affected by the tragedy. I have made arrangements for any royalties I may receive (any money sent to me) from the sale of Japanese Volume 26, in both normal and special editions, to be sent to aid the victims of the disaster. This note is to tell those who bought Volume 26 where their money is going and to send my fervent wishes that smiles come back to those who are suffering as soon as possible.

Hiro Mashima
4/18/2011

Translation Notes:

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction with our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

Page 59, Six hours

The word for six hours in Japanese is *roku-jikan*. The word for six letters is *roku-ji*. So there was a clue (aside from simply the number 6) in Makarov's instructions as to the location of the grave. However, there was no good way to get the similarities across in the English version, since English does not use as great a variety of terms to count different things, such as hours or letters.

Page 67, Curse of Vengeance

The original Japanese refers to a specific vengeance curse called *ushi no koku mairi*. This is a trip to perform a rite during what is called the "hour of the ox" in ancient Japan, somewhere between 1 and 3 a.m., a time devoted to spirits. In modern Japanese folklore, it's usually depicted by showing a person with candles strapped to his or her forehead holding a doll made of straw, which represents the one to be cursed. The person then nails the doll to a tree to deliver the curse.

Page 71, Do-Doskoi

Dosukoi (pronounced doskoi) is a shout for which I've never heard a proper meaning. Traditionally, it's shouted at sumo matches as a taunt or an instigation from one side to the other. It can also be thought of as a wish for one to do one's best (or fight hard).



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